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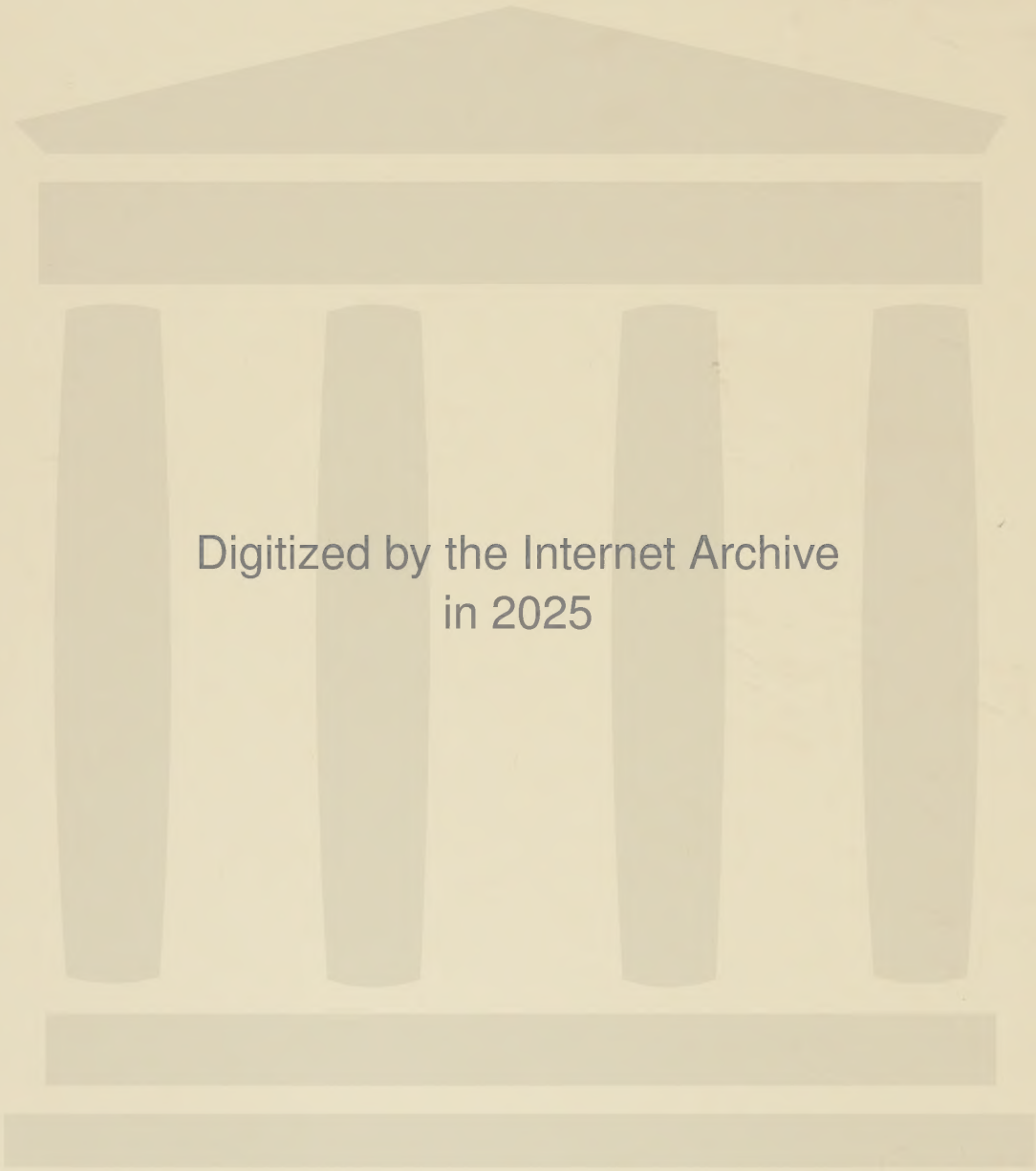
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CONTAINING

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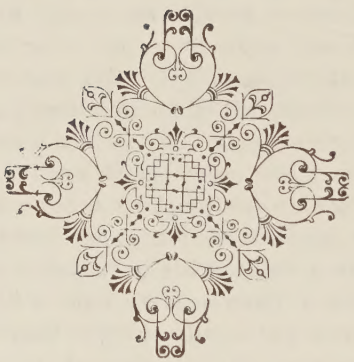
PREFACE.

THE greatest of English historians, MACAULAY, and one of the most brilliant writers of the present century, has said: "The history of a country is best told in a record of the lives of its people." In conformity with this idea the PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD of this county has been prepared. Instead of going to musty records, and taking therefrom dry statistical matter that can be appreciated by but few, our corps of writers have gone to the people, the men and women who have, by their enterprise and industry, brought the county to rank second to none among those comprising this great and noble State, and from their lips have the story of their life struggles. No more interesting or instructive matter could be presented to an intelligent public. In this volume will be found a record of many whose lives are worthy the imitation of coming generations. It tells how some, commencing life in poverty, by industry and economy have accumulated wealth. It tells how others, with limited advantages for securing an education, have become learned men and women, with an influence extending throughout the length and breadth of the land. It tells of men who have risen from the lower walks of life to eminence as statesmen, and whose names have become famous. It tells of those in every walk in life who have striven to succeed, and records how that success has usually crowned their efforts. It tells also of many, very many, who, not seeking the applause of the world, have pursued "the even tenor of their way," content to have it said of them as Christ said of the woman performing a deed of mercy—"they have done what they could." It tells how that many in the pride and strength of young manhood left the plow and the anvil, the lawyer's office and the counting-room, left every trade and profession, and at their country's call went forth valiantly "to do or die," and how through their efforts the Union was restored and peace once more reigned in the land. In the life of every man and of every woman is a lesson that should not be lost upon those who follow after.

Coming generations will appreciate this volume and preserve it as a sacred treasure, from the fact that it contains so much that would never find its way into public records, and which would otherwise be inaccessible. Great care has been taken in the compilation of the work and every opportunity possible given to those represented to insure correctness in what has been written, and the publishers flatter themselves that they give to their readers a work with few errors of consequence. In addition to the biographical sketches, portraits of a number of representative citizens are given.

The faces of some, and biographical sketches of many, will be missed in this volume. For this the publishers are not to blame. Not having a proper conception of the work, some refused to give the information necessary to compile a sketch, while others were indifferent. Occasionally some member of the family would oppose the enterprise, and on account of such opposition the support of the interested one would be withheld. In a few instances men could never be found, though repeated calls were made at their residence or place of business.

September, 1892. CHAPMAN BROS.



Fayette, Pickaway and Madison Counties,

OHIO

INTRODUCTORY.

THE time has arrived when it becomes the duty of the people of this county to perpetuate the names of their pioneers, to furnish a record of their early settlement, and relate the story of their progress. The civilization of our day, the enlightenment of the age and the duty that men of the present time owe to their ancestors, to themselves and to their posterity, demand that a record of their lives and deeds should be made. In biographical history is found a power to instruct man by precedent, to enliven the mental faculties, and to waft down the river of time a safe vessel in which the names and actions of the people who contributed to raise this country from its primitive state may be preserved. Surely and rapidly the great and aged men, who in their prime entered the wilderness and claimed the virgin soil as their heritage, are passing to their graves. The number remaining who can relate the incidents of the first days of settlement is becoming small indeed, so that an actual necessity exists for the collection and preservation of events without delay, before all the early settlers are cut down by the scythe of Time.

To be forgotten has been the great dread of mankind from remotest ages. All will be forgotten soon enough, in spite of their best works and the most earnest efforts of their friends to perserve the memory of their lives. The means employed to prevent oblivion and to perpetuate their memory has been in proportion to the amount of intelligence they possessed. The pyramids of Egypt were built to perpetuate the names and deeds of their great rulers. The exhumations made by the archeologists of Egypt from buried Memphis indicate a desire of those people to perpetuate the memory of their achievements. The erection of the great obelisks were for the same purpose. Coming down to a later period, we find the Greeks and Romans erecting mausoleums and monuments, and carving out statues to chronicle their great achievements and carry them down the ages. It is also evident that the Mound-builders, in piling up their great mounds of earth, had but this idea—to leave something to show that they had lived. All these works, though many of them costly in the extreme, give but a faint idea of the lives and characters of those whose memory they were intended to perpetuate, and scarcely anything of the masses of the people that then lived. The great pyramids and some of the obelisks remain objects only of curiosity; the mausoleums, monuments and statues are crumbling into dust.

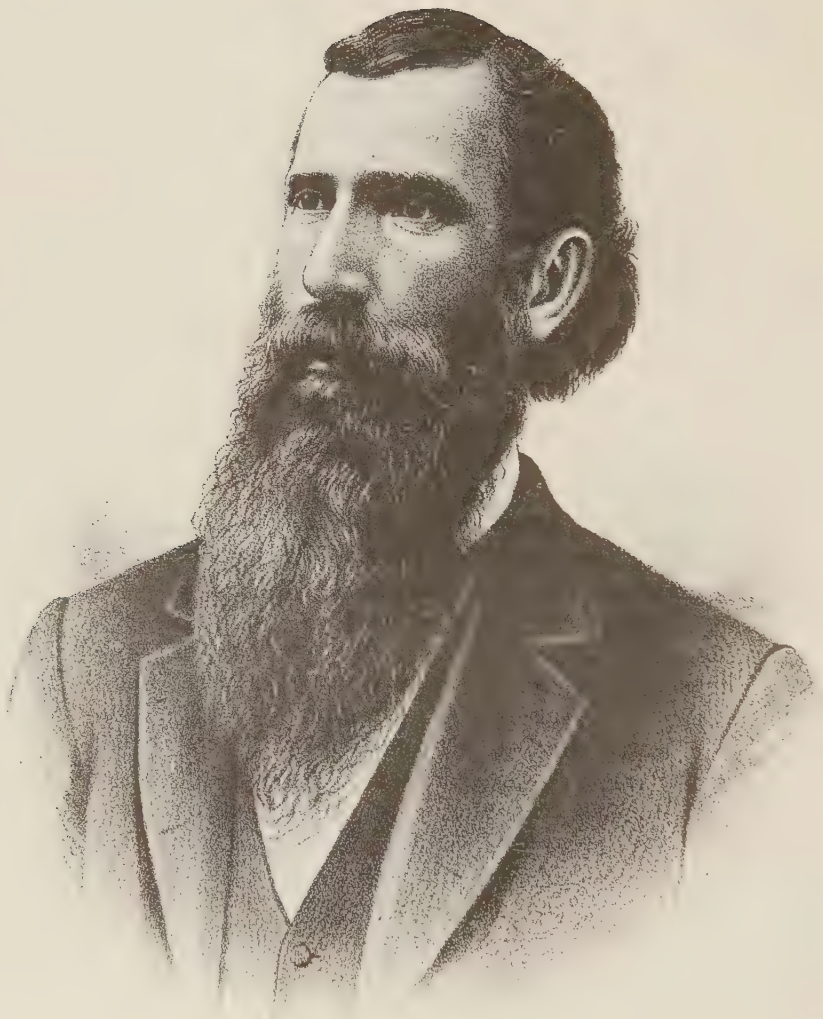
It was left to modern ages to establish an intelligent, undecaying, immutable method of perpetuating a full history—immutable in that it is almost unlimited in extent and perpetual in its action; and this is through the art of printing.

To the present generation, however, we are indebted for the introduction of the admirable system of local biography. By this system every man, though he has not achieved what the world calls greatness, has the means to perpetuate his life, his history, through the coming ages.

The scythe of Time cuts down all; nothing of the physical man is left. The monument which his children or friends may erect to his memory in the cemetery will crumble into dust and pass away; but his life, his achievements, the work he has accomplished, which otherwise would be forgotten, is perpetuated by a record of this kind.

To preserve the lineaments of our companions we engrave their portraits, for the same reason we collect the attainable facts of their history. Nor do we think it necessary, as we speak only truth of them, to wait until they are dead, or until those who know them are gone: to do this we are ashamed only to publish to the world the history of those whose lives are unworthy of public record.

Annie S. Sears



C. E. Sears

BIOGRAPHICAL.

CHAUNCEY EDWARD SEARS. It is not ease, but effort—not luck, but labor—that develops character. There is perhaps no position in life in which difficulties are not to be met and conquered before success can be attained. As the skillful mariner gains his best experience amid storms, so on the ocean of life it is adversity which develops self-reliance, courage and the highest discipline.

The experiences of many men go to prove the fact that obstacles in the path of progress may usually be overcome by perseverance, honest, zeal and energy, and above all by a determination to succeed in the face of every obstacle. These elements in the character of Mr. Sears furnish us with the key to his success. Among the citizens of Circleville, few attained the prosperity which rewarded his unconquerable perseverance, and a brief review of his life will be both interesting and profitable. Death has closed his labors on earth, but his character still lives as a model for others, furnishing an example which posterity may well study, admire and imitate.

The Sears family traces its ancestry to England, whence the great-grandfather of our subject came to America with two brothers, and settled in Connecticut. Daniel Sears, grandfather of our subject, was a native of the Nutmeg State, whence he removed to Lewis County, N. Y., and settled in Leyden Township, engaging in lumbering and farming in the section of country known as the Black River. His death occurred at Port Leyden, where he was buried. He came of Quaker ancestry.

The father of our subject, Chauncey Sears, was born in Connecticut, and was there married to Miss Emily Hollister, a native of Vermont. He pursued farming operations in Connecticut, and removed from that State to Port Leyden, N. Y., residing there for several years, but finally moving to Columbia County, N. Y., where he sojourned until his death. His principal occupation through life was that of agriculture, and he accumulated a competency. In politics, he was a Republican, and through life he adhered to the principles and teachings of the Quakers, in which faith he was reared.

The youngest son in a family of eight children, three sons and five daughters, Chauncey Edward Sears was born in Leyden, Lewis County, N. Y. His boyhood and early manhood were passed in Lewis and Columbia Counties, N. Y., where he attended the common school, worked as a mechanic, and also became familiar with the duties of farm labor. When twenty-eight years of age, he went to Livingston County, N. Y., and, settling near Mt. Morris, engaged in general farming. He was especially interested in raising broom corn, from which he manufactured brooms, and also in raising

and drying sweet corn, and superintended various mechanical enterprises.

In Livingston County Mr. Sears met and married Miss Annie Smith, M. D., a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of New York City. In the spring of 1873, he and his wife removed to Circleville, and during the same year built a factory for drying sweet corn, and a few years later erected the canning establishment which is now the largest and one of the most successful enterprises of the kind in the State, and one of the three largest in the United States. Two engines are in constant use from June to November, and between three and four hundred employes are given work. All the modern improvements and machinery are to be found in this establishment, and everything is conducted with system and dispatch. The drying house is 60x150 feet in dimensions; the packing house is large, two stories in height, and all the other buildings for storage are commodious and conveniently arranged. The details of all this business were superintended by our subject. In 1882, Mr. and Mrs. Sears erected a canning factory in Three Rivers, St. Joseph County, Mich., which they have operated since that time.

A man of great energy, promptness and reliability, whose word was always considered as good as his bond, Mr. Sears was a splendid addition to the citizenship of Circleville. He possessed great versatility of talent, was an able writer and a prompt and eloquent speaker. He was a public-spirited, upright citizen, and a humanitarian, using his talents and means freely for the uplifting of society and humanity in general. A thorough temperance advocate, he did much for the advancement of that cause, and was an active member of the Independent Order of Good Templars. In politics, he was a stanch Republican. In religious matters, he was educated in the Quaker principles, but was no stickler for creeds, forms or ceremonies, believing firmly in a practical daily Christian life as taught and lived by Jesus. He died February 7, 1892, greatly lamented by the entire community where he resided.

Mrs. Annie (Smith) Sears, M. D., was born in Van Buren, Onondaga County, N. Y. Her father was a native of Greenock, Scotland, and died when she was an infant; her mother passed away when forty-four years old. The latter was the fourth daughter in a family of twelve children, seven daughters and five sons. Her parents were by name Abram and Polly Gillitt, and were natives of Vermont. Mrs. Gillitt was a sister of President Fillmore's mother. Mrs. Sears is sole proprietor of the business of C. E. Sears & Co., manufacturers of canned goods, and is a lady whose business acumen is well known, and one who is thoroughly capable of superintending her own affairs. She is a graduate of medicine, eclectic in principle, and very successful in practice when she gave her time thereto.

In later years, it was the choice of Mrs. Sears and her husband that she should assist in the business instead of following her profession. Wide-awake and enterprising, she has conducted the entire business successfully since the death of her husband, and is a woman of independent turn of mind, always doing her own thinking. All the progressive and reform movements of the day find in her a faithful friend, and she is identified with the Western Packers' Canned Goods Association. She is a member of the Grand Lodge of Ohio of Good Templars, and at present serves as Chief Templar of her own district. In religion, she was reared in the Quaker doctrine, but is no sectarian, believing that Christ's people should all be one, and that without a daily practical Christian life, theories and doctrines are of no avail. In politics, she is a Republican, but believes in the equal rights and privileges of all men and women as being God-given.

WILLIAM CROMWELL ROW, ex-County Surveyor and Civil Engineer for the State Canal Commission, is a man of education and learning, and well posted in all that pertains to his business. Like many of the most active and enterprising residents of Circleville, he is a native of Pickaway County, born one mile southeast of Circleville, in Washington Township, on the 25th

of September, 1849, and no doubt takes a deeper interest in the welfare of his native place than any stranger could.

His father, Samuel Row, was born in this county (see sketch of Dr. George Row) and followed the occupation of a farmer in Washington Township. On this farm our subject passed his youthful days, and in addition to the common-school education he received in the home district, he attended the High School in Circleville for one year. Being possessed of more than the ordinary degree of learning and good sense, he began teaching school in Washington Township when eighteen years of age, and, meeting with much success in this occupation, he continued it for nine years, teaching during the winter months for the most part. After this, he attended school for three years, during 1869, 1870 and 1871, taking a miscellaneous course. He studied engineering, and worked at this, and also taught school in his native State until 1876. He then became Deputy County Treasurer under John L. Seall, for eighteen months, or until he was elected to the position of County Surveyor, when he resigned.

In the year 1877, he was nominated and elected to the last-mentioned office on the Democratic ticket, and so ably did he discharge the duties of this position, and so well did he meet the requirements of the people, that he was re-elected in 1880, and again in 1883, and held the office until the 1st of January, 1887. During this time, he was actively engaged in county surveying. In 1890, he was appointed by the Canal Commission as Civil Engineer; has held this position for two years, and during eighteen months of that time he was on the road and traveled all over the State. He does his office work here, and finds time outside of his regular duties to interest himself in, and extend a helping hand to, all worthy enterprises.

He chose for his life companion Miss Olive Bennett, a native of Pickaway County, born in Circleville, and their union was celebrated in the year 1879. She is the daughter of A. J. and Sarah Bennett, of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Row's union has been blessed by the birth of five interesting children: Edith, Fayne S., William C. Jr., Leslie, and Helen. Mr. Row has done a great deal of work for the city since he has held his present position. He laid out a cemetery in Walnut Township, this county, and also one in Fairfield County; also an addition to Circleville, and numerous other equally important duties. He assisted in organizing the State Association of Surveyors and Engineers, and was an active member until 1888, when he withdrew. He is a Democrat in politics, and socially is a Knight of Pythias.

CHARLES W. MURPHY, senior member of the firm of Murphy & Darst, editors of the Democratic Daily and Weekly *Herald*, at Circleville, was born in Bellbrook, Greene County, Ohio, August 20, 1846. His father, John B. Murphy, was also a native of that county, while his grandfather, John C. Murphy, hailed from Kentucky, and early in life located near Bellbrook. He later went to Cincinnati, where he was engaged in pork-packing from 1830 to 1840, at the end of which time he returned to Greene County and became an agriculturist. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and died in 1872, after having been successfully engaged for a number of years in cultivating the soil.

The father of our subject was engaged in the drug business in Xenia from 1857 to 1866, when he disposed of his business and removed to Mankato, Minn., and became a banker and real-estate dealer. He was the resident manager and member of the Board erecting the State Normal School Building of Mankato, being one of the earliest settlers in that place, locating there before the railroad was built, and was active in all public improvements. In 1872, he returned to his native State, and departed this life at Xenia. His good wife, who was known in her maidenhood as Miss Rebecca Clark, was born in New York State, and was the daughter of Harry Clark, who later removed to Mansfield in the northern part of this State, where he was engaged as a wheelwright and surveyor. Mrs. Murphy is still living and makes her home in the city of Chicago.

Charles W. Murphy was the eldest of three

children born to his parents, and received his education in the public schools at Xenia and the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. In 1870, he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, from which institution he was graduated two years later with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He then removed to Iowa, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession at Hamburg. After being thus engaged for two years, he became publisher of the Sidney (Iowa) *Union*, a weekly paper which he conducted very successfully for six years, during three years of that time being Postmaster in that city.

In 1881, on account of ill-health, the original of this sketch spent eighteen months in Colorado and New Mexico, then in the fall of 1882 returned to Circleville, formed a partnership with Mr. Darst, and published the weekly *Herald*. A year later, they started the daily, which now has one of the largest circulations in the county. In 1863, Mr. Murphy enlisted in the Fifth Independent Battallion Ohio Cavalry, and later became a member of the One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Ohio Infantry, serving his country for a period of eighteen months and being mustered out as Corporal.

Miss Margaret B. Darst became the wife of our subject June 8, 1876. She was born in Circleville, and by her union with Mr. Murphy has become the mother of two children, viz: Clark D. and Kenneth. In their church relations, they are Episcopalians.

WILLIAM FLEMING. Amid the mutations with which the years in their flight encompass the changing experiences of mankind, it becomes the happy fate of but few to pass a long and successful life upon the homestead where first their eyes opened to the light of day. Such has been the fortunate experience of Mr. Fleming, who was born January 31, 1809 upon the farm where he still lives, in Wayne Township, Pickaway County, and who has, during his useful existence of four-score and more years, been closely connected with the development of the county, growing with its growth, and attaining to personal independence as it gained a solid reputation among other counties of the Buckeye State.

Among the soldiers who during the Revolution fought for liberty, was Capt. Fleming, whose son John was the father of our subject. John Fleming was born in Berkeley County, Va., whence he emigrated to Ohio about 1802, and settled in Wayne Township. Some six years after his arrival here, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Moore, who was born in Bourbon County, Ky. Her father, Fergus Moore, emigrated from Ireland when a young man, and served five years in the Revolutionary War, and, after his marriage in Pennsylvania, emigrated to Kentucky, and thence to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he remained for a time. He was one of its earliest settlers, and put the first shingles on any building in the village. At that early day two or three families occupied one rude cabin, and kept corn under the bed in order to secrete it from the Indians.

Subsequently, Mr. Moore removed to Wayne Township, Pickaway County, where he purchased a tract of land, and was one of the first settlers. His useful and honorable life was brought to a close in 1806, when he passed from earth to his final rest. He is spoken of to this day as a brave soldier during the Revolutionary War, a kind neighbor and industrious man. The parents of our subject, after their marriage, made their home in a rude log cabin, surrounded by a dense wilderness, and containing only the absolute necessities of existence. There the father cleared and improved a farm, leaving it only to serve during the War of 1812, and when he reached the age of sixty-four years, in 1844, he was called hence by death. His widow survived until 1866, when she died at the age of seventy-five. They were worthy people, sincere Christians, and interested in measures of public importance, he having served as one of the first Trustees of the township, and being in other ways identified with its progress.

The parental family consisted of eleven children, three of whom are still living, and the eldest of this large family is William. He was born in a cabin constructed of round logs, and in that primitive structure his boyhood days were passed. His

education was limited to the old-fashioned schools of that time, with rude benches and few text-books, and he also aided in the clearing of the farm.

July 22, 1832, Mr. Fleming was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Sullivan, who was born in Pickaway County, January 11, 1812, and was the daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Atchison) Sullivan, natives, respectively, of Delaware and Virginia. After his marriage, Mr. Fleming continued to reside on the old homestead, when he purchased a part of his Grandfather Moore's old homestead, which belonged at the time to his uncle, and there engaged in farming and stock-raising on an extensive scale. The original log cabin was replaced with a small brick residence, and that was vacated in 1869, when the family were domiciled in the present commodious brick structure. The estate of one hundred and fifty-six acres is in good cultivation, and is still managed by its owner, who, however, no longer engages in the tilling of the soil. At an early day, he bought and sold cattle, owning some of the best grades ever brought into the county, and was accustomed to drive them to Philadelphia, where they were sold.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, namely: Sarah, wife of James H. Anderson, a pioneer of Wayne Township; John S., who is married, and lives near the old homestead; Mary, who married John Neff, and resides in Jackson Township; William, whose home is in San Francisco; and Samuel, who died when eighteen years old. For sixty years, some of it in sunshine and some in shadow, Mr. Fleming and his estimable wife have lived in happy wedded life, and now side by side are passing through that dim and twilight path, beyond whose lengthening shadows gleams the brightness of eternity.

For a half-century or more, Mr. Fleming has been connected with the public affairs of Wayne Township, and now has in his possession the book kept by the first Treasurer of the township. A stanch Democrat, he cast his first vote for Gen. Jackson, and has served in positions of honor and trust. During war times, he was County Commissioner, serving six years. When he shall have served his present term, he will complete his fiftieth year as Treasurer of Wayne Township. He has served as Justice of the Peace for thirty-three years, and during his administration, has performed many marriage ceremonies, tried a great many suits, and transacted a large amount of business. In all cases brought before him, he endeavors to effect an amicable settlement, rather than encourage a suit.

PERCIVAL S. COLLINS. It is not "luck" that makes one fail and another succeed. It is not "fickle fortune" that brings clouds of adversity and difficulty upon one, while another has smooth and easy sailing; but it is careful, conscientious, thoughtful purpose, business tact, and command of resources that enable one to advance where another can make but little headway. Mr. Collins is endowed with these fortunate qualifications, besides possessing more than ordinary public spirit and enterprise, and enjoys to an eminent degree the confidence of social and commercial circles.

The citizens of Washington C. H. are well acquainted with Mr. Collins, whose drug store has been located on the corner of Fayette and Court Streets since 1847, with the exception of one year. He is one of the pioneer druggists of the city and, with two exceptions, his drug store is the oldest in the place. Throughout the long period in which he has been thus engaged, he has maintained the esteem of his fellow-citizens, who have always found him reliable in his dealings and courteous in manner. In addition to the drug business, he devotes considerable attention to veterinary surgery, in which he has been successful.

Born in Cabell County, W. Va., November 28, 1829, our subject is the son of Patrick and Hannah (Griffith) Collins, natives of Christiansburgh, Va. He was about eight years old when he accompanied his parents to Jamestown, Ohio, where his father resided on a farm until his death, when about ninety-one years old. Our subject was reared on the old homestead, and in his youth learned the trade of a tailor, although he never followed it. For two years, he read *materia medica*, after which

he studied veterinary medicine. He began to practice with Dr. Winans, of Jamestown, but soon after, in 1847, removed to Washington C. H., where he has since carried on his profession and also engaged in the drug business.

Ever maintaining a close interest in the public affairs of the community, Mr. Collins has served as Deputy Sheriff for two years, was City Marshal for four years and a member of the City Council for seven and one-half years. He is probably as well known as any citizen of Washington C. H., and is one of the most successful auctioneers in the State, having made some of the largest horse sales ever made in Ohio, Indiana and adjoining States. At a commission of one per cent, he has made as much as $156 in one day.

Mr. Collins erected a commodious residence on East Market Street, where he has resided for many years. Within this pleasant home he and his wife are wont to entertain their friends with a charming hospitality which endears them to their guests. Mrs. Collins was, formerly, Miss Eliza P. Grubbs, and became the wife of our subject, February 10, 1850. She is a cultured lady and is highly esteemed in the social circles of Washington C. H. Socially, Mr. Collins is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows as one of its most prominent members.

STEPHEN WATSON, President of the Madison National Bank of London, and Vice-president of the London Exchange Bank, and one of the largest land-holders of the county, has long been prominent in the business world of this section of the State as a financier and capitalist of exceptional ability, whose liberal and progressive spirit has been potent in advancing the material welfare of city and county, and his influence being felt in all that pertains to the higher interests of the community.

A native of Madison County, Mr. Watson was born in Paint Township, June 4, 1827. His parents were David and Mary (Helpshenstine) Watson, who were natives respectively of Maryland and Virginia. They were married in this county in 1807, and their wedding was an occasion of merry-making among the pioneers, who were, however, few in number, only twelve persons being present, although invitations had been sent throughout the county, but there were only a few inhabitants in all this region at that early day. Mr. and Mrs. Watson had to begin their married life as pioneers, sacrificing many comforts, braving many hardships and even dangers to upbuild a home, but working together with a hearty goodwill to accomplish their purpose, and their labors were crowned with a rich reward. Mr. Watson obtained land in that part of Union Township since known as Paint Township, and in time he became one of its most important farmers and most extensive stock dealers, and was well known all over this part of the county. He and his good wife had a family of twelve children, of whom only two are now living.

Our subject was reared on the home farm, and received his education in a log schoolhouse that stood thereon. When he was twenty-two years old, he and his brother Samuel purchased two hundred and fifty-eight acres of land, which they sold three years later, receiving a fine margin on the cost price. With his share of the money made by the sale, Mr. Watson bought one hundred and forty-five acres of land, and has often since invested in realty, until he has become one of the large land-owners of Madison County. He was engaged in farming and stock-raising until 1870. In 1868, he purchased a fine residence in London, and with Charles R. Cover entered into the business of broker, November 9, 1869. July 1, 1870, a stock company was formed, which bought the Madison County Bank, and Mr. Watson was appointed Vice-president, the name of the bank being changed to Exchange Bank. In June, 1880, he was further honored by being elected President of the Madison National Bank.

In the management of the above responsible offices, Mr. Watson brings to bear a wide experience in business affairs, a keen insight into money matters, and personal integrity that is beyond question, all of which have contributed to raise the

standard of the banks with which he is connected to the first rank among the monetary institutions of the State. In their management, our subject and his fellow-officers pursue a wise, liberal and safe policy that has increased the businesss of the banks, and while greatly benefiting the stockholders, gives them the reputation of being perfectly sound and stable. It is to such men as Mr. Watson and his associates in business circles that Madison County owes its steady rise and highly prosperous condition. His name is also associated with many good works that have contributed to its moral and religious advancement, and in him the Methodist Episcopal Church finds an exemplary member.

Mr. Watson was married in 1852 to Miss Elmira, daughter of John Dungan, who is a woman of rare character, and in her devotion to her husband's interests has helped him to make life a success.

WILSON ASBURY KOONTZ, a prominent and influential citizen of Madison County, now living a retired life in Midway, was born on the 13th of November, 1821, in Rockingham County, Va., and is one of two children born unto Philip and Mary (Crumley) Koontz. His father was a native of Virginia and the grandfather, Peter Koontz, was of Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry. The former was a prominent man. He served as Judge, Surveyor, and Justice of the Peace and represented his district in the Legislature. He was twice married, and by the second union two children were born. With the exception of our subject and his cousin John, of Washington C. H., all have changed the spelling of their names to Counts.

Wilson lost his father when he was only four years old. He continued to reside in Virginia until eighteen years of age, when he emigrated to Gallia County, Ohio. The next year, he came to Madison County and engaged in teaching the district school near Danville. For ten years, he followed that profession with good success. He married, April 5, 1848, Miss Louisa C. Counts, who was born in Range Township, May 28, 1822, and is a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Walker) Counts. Her father, D. Counts, came from Rockingham County, Va., and her mother was of English birth. Mr. Koontz continued to engage in teaching for a few years after his marriage and then began clerking in a store in Danville, where he was employed for two and a half years. At the expiration of that time, he inherited some property, which he added to that he had earned, and began to loan money and change notes. In 1853, he came to Midway and soon bought the farm on which he now resides, turning his attention to agricultural pursuits. In 1866, his present residence was erected. It was built of brick burned on his place in the first kiln erected in the vicinity of Midway.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Koontz were born two children. The elder, Philip D., was born in Danville, April 21, 1849. He acquired his education in the Ohio Wesleyan University of Delaware and in Yellow Springs, and began teaching at the age of twenty-three. He afterward went as a teacher to Texas, where he married Emmen Marrs, December 24, 1872. Two children graced their union: Osa W., born in Midway, January 30, 1874, and Enola Glenn, born in Midway, May 2, 1875. Their mother died October 18, 1876, and Philip Koontz was again married, May 2, 1881, his second union being with Miss Fannie L. Orebaugh, of Washington C. H., a native of Greenfield, Ohio. They have three children, all born in Texas: Texie Belle, born in Williamson County, March 23, 1882; Carla Serena, born February 14, 1884, and Ernest Samuel, born January 16, 1886. Philip Koontz is a stock-dealer and farmer, having eighteen hundred acres of land which was given him by his father. He is a prominent citizen of this community and favorably known. Alice Virginia, the only daughter of our subject, was born in Danville, September 8, 1851, acquired a good education in the Female Seminary of Hillsboro and engaged in teaching one term. She is now the wife of John M. Stroupe, a merchant of Midway; they have one son, Ogan K., born February 5, 1882.

Since casting his Presidential vote in 1848, Mr Koontz has supported the Democratic party. He

served as Township Clerk for a number of years, was Justice of the Peace for nine consecutive years, and of the cases which he tried none of his decisions were ever reversed. Mr. Koontz is now living retired, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his toil. His life has been very successful, and as the result of his industry he has acquired a handsome property.

JAMES E. HAINES. The subject of this sketch is the senior member of the firm of Haines & Pinkerton, who do an immense business in retailing staple and fancy groceries at Washington C. H. He is the son of Samuel Haines, who was born in Perry Township, Fayette County, in 1823. His paternal grandfather, Ebenezer Haines, came from the Williamette Valley, Va., to the above-named township, locating here when the land was mostly in its primitive condition, making this locality his home until his death, when sixty-five years of age.

The father of our subject was the youngest of the paternal family, and was reared to man's estate, amid the pioneer scenes of Perry Township, attending the log schoolhouse and aiding his father in the duties upon the farm. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Maria Smith, the daughter of Frank and Charlotte Smith, early settlers in this county. By her union with Mr. Haines were born nine children, all of whom grew to mature years and of whom eight are living. They are Albert, who is a farmer in Perry Township, Fayette County; Ella, who is engaged in teaching school in this county; Lewis, who is a well-known apiarist of this section; Frank, who cultivates a farm in Perry Township; our subject, who is the next in order of birth; William, who is deceased; Belle, Mrs. Henry Todhunter; Charles, also a farmer in the above-named township, and Eva. Mr. Haines votes the Republican ticket and is very prominent in his locality. Both the parents are still living.

James E. Haines of this sketch was born June 20, 1860, in Perry Township, Fayette County. He was educated in the public schools of his native place, and when choosing an occupation in life began farming. He was married August 10, 1882, to Nannie Worthington, the daughter of E. T. Worthington, who was a prominent farmer of Green Township, Fayette County. Mr. Haines abandoned farming and embarked in business in September, 1888, at Moons, this State, doing a general mercantile business. He also held the position of Postmaster there for about a twelvemonth, when he resigned, preferring to devote his time and attention to his private interests.

February 15, 1891, he of whom we write purchased a grocery of H. M. Roach, of Washington C. H., and, removing hither, formed a partnership with Mr. Pinkerton. By their courteous and gentlemanly treatment of customers, they have succeeded in building up a lucrative trade and now rank among the leading grocers in the city. They carry a full line of staple and fancy goods, keeping on hand a fine assortment of goods suited either for the country or city household.

In his political relations, Mr. Haines votes the Republican ticket. He is identified with Lodge No. 165, K. P., and is a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Moons.

JOHN MILTON HAISLEY. This gentleman, who is engaged in the business of hotel-keeping in New Holland, Perry Township, Pickaway County, is a native of Wayne County, Ind., where he was born April 7, 1842. His parents bore the names of Ezekiel and Mary (Mendenhall) Haisley, the father a native of North Carolina and the mother a native of Virginia. Mr. Haisley, Sr., moved to Indiana about the beginning of the present century, and there spent the remainder of his days on a farm. He was of German descent.

Our subject's parents both died when he was but a small lad, leaving a family of nine children, of whom John Milton was next to the youngest. Three of his elder brothers were married and he went to live with one of them. He remained with

this brother until reaching his twenty-second year, when he commenced for himself in trading and speculating in Richland and Cincinnati, Ohio. He traveled for a number of years, and in the year 1882 engaged in the manufacture of drain tile. In this business, Mr. Haisley continued for six consecutive years, when he sold out and engaged in the meat business at New Holland, giving this up in 1891. In the last year mentioned, the original of this biography engaged in the hotel business, in which he has been very successful and has made himself respected and well-liked by all his customers and friends.

The worthy gentleman of whom we write was united in the happy bonds of wedlock in October, 1872, to Miss Lorena Crosby. Mrs. Haisley is a daughter of Isaac and Clara Crosby, both natives of Ohio, in which State she herself was born. Our subject votes the Democratic ticket in politics, and socially he is one of the leading members of the Knights of Pythias.

SAMUEL WARD. No man with any pretensions to wisdom fails to insure his property against loss by fire. A name which renders the business of insuring one of the most popular in Circleville is that of Samuel Ward, who has been associated with the business for some time. He is noted for his straightforward methods of conducting his affairs and is doing a heavy business in the city and surrounding country. The number of fire insurance companies doing business in Ohio is a large one, but the solidity of an insurance company and its promptness in paying claims are most important points. In this respect, the companies represented by Mr. Ward are entitled to due prominence and recognition, from the high character and reputation they enjoy. He represents twelve companies, viz: Phœnix, of Brooklyn; Fire Association, of Philadelphia; Milwaukee Mechanics', Ohio Farmers', and many others.

Our subject was born in Dudley, Worcestershire, England, on the 4th of November, 1837, and his father, Richard Ward, was also born there, as was also the grandfather, William Ward. The latter was a tradesman and died in his native country. Richard Ward was a hoop-iron roller in the early part of his life and later was Superintendent of coal mines. He first came to this country in 1822, and afterward he returned, but came again in 1847 with his wife and children, settling in Connecticut, near New Britain, Hartford County, and was engaged in farming until his death, four years later. In politics, he was a Free-soil Whig, and in religion was a Regular Baptist. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Elwell, was a native of England. She was first married to a Mr. Brooks, by whom she had one child, who is still living. Her subsequent marriage to Mr. Ward resulted in the birth of six children, only four now living, two in England and two in this country. After the death of Mr. Ward, his widow continued to reside in Connecticut for some time and then returned to her native country, where she passed her last days.

Samuel Ward, the original of this notice, was the youngest of the above-mentioned children, and he remained in his native country until ten years of age. In December, 1847, he left Liverpool, England, on the sailing-vessel "Andrew Foster," and after a nine-weeks' voyage landed with his parents in New York. From there, he subsequently moved with them to Connecticut and worked on a farm until sixteen years of age, in the meantime acquiring a very limited education in the common schools, for he was obliged to spend most of his time in youth in labor on the farm. In 1853 or 1854, he went to Harrisburgh, Pa., and clerked for some time for the State Mutual Insurance Company, in which his brother was Secretary. In 1855, he came to Ohio, staying in Pickaway and Fairfield Counties about one year. He then went to Champaign County, Ill., where, with his brother John, he bought three hundred and twenty acres of land, and on this raw land they commenced making improvements. There our subject remained until the breaking out of hostilities between the North and South. For the first few years on the farm, crops were very poor and they were obliged to pay eighty cents per bushel for corn to feed

their stock. In 1881, they raised the first good crop, but the freight in shipping it was so great that they realized but little from it. During that winter, Mr. Ward burned corn for fuel as he had to haul wood fourteen miles.

In December, 1861, our subject enlisted in the Tenth Illinois Volunteers, and was mustered in at Camp Butler. He was appointed Commissary Sergeant of the Second Battalion and was sent to Quincy, Ill. He remained there one month and then went to Benton Barracks and then to renew the forces of Curtis at Pea Ridge. From there, he went to Missouri, but was injured in the left leg by a kick from a horse and went home on a furlough. He later took part in the battle of Pine Bluff and afterward was at Fayetteville until the spring of 1863. General Order No. 126 from the War Department changed the organization from Battalion to Regimental and mustered out the supernumerary officers, both commissioned and non-commissioned. Our subject was mustered out in April, 1863, and returned to Champaign County, Ill., staying but a short time. The same year, he went to Chillicothe, Ohio, and was foreman for Emmett Bros. until the summer of 1864, when he came to Circleville and clerked for Emmett Bros. in the grain house for five months. While in Chillicothe, he learned telegraphy on the private line owned by Emmett Bros. and in the fall of 1864 he was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company at Washington C. H. office. In the spring of 1865, he was appointed to the Lancaster city office, but, being offered better pay in Circleville, Ohio, he went there in the fall of that year, and was manager of the same for nineteen years. In 1884, he quit this business and opened an insurance office in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' building.

Mr. Ward organized the Edison Electric Light Company and was its Secretary for three years. He was married in Champaign County, Ill., on the 3d of January, 1860, to Miss Ellen Post, a native of Dane County, Wis., and they are the parents of six children, four living: Abbie, Mrs. F. A. Barr; Nellie, Mrs. T. A. Boyle; Lillie, Mrs. H. M. Rife. Samuel died at the age of three years; Charles died at the age of twenty-two months, and Ruby is at home. Mr. Ward is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Groce Post No. 156, G. A. R. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and is Trustee in the same. He has been Superintendent of the Sunday-school until recently. In politics, he is a true-blue Republican.

PETER HALL, a wealthy and representative citizen of Madison Township, Pickaway County, is a native of this county, as he was born in Walnut Township, January 24, 1832. His respected parents were David and Elizabeth Hall, both of whom were natives of the Keystone State.

David Hall when a young man emigrated with his father, John H. Hall, from his father's home to Pickaway County, Ohio, settling in Madison Township, becoming early pioneers of the county. They made their home in the dense woods and encountered the ordinary difficulties of frontier life. David Hall became the father of seven children, of whom the following survive: John H., who makes his home in Kansas; Peter; Salina, now the wife of Henry Runkle; and Lydia, who married Levi Runkle. The father lived to reach the good old age of seventy-five years.

Peter Hall was reared to man's estate in Pickaway County and has seen and marked the development of this section of country, and has done his full share in changing it from a wilderness to a rich and cultivated community. His early recollections go back to a time when little was to be seen except dense forests and rough attempts at civilization. His first schooling was received in a log cabin, furnished with slab seats, and where the writing-desks were merely boards resting upon wooden pegs which projected from the wall. His opportunities were so scant that he has found it necessary to supplement them largely by subsequent reading, but the drill which he received was so thorough as to stimulate his ambition and he has ever sought for self-improvement.

The marriage of our subject in November, 1857, brought to his home a wife in the person of Lavina

Solt, by whom he has twelve children, eight of whom are living: Mary A., wife of Jackson Stein; Barbara J., now Mrs. Snider; David, William, Emma, Ella, John, and Ora B. The fine property which is owned and carried on by our subject is a large tract of land and all of it is in fine condition. He and his wife have together wrought out their own fortune, for this property is largely the result of their industry and economy.

Mr. Hall is a Democrat in his political views, although he is in no sense prominent in party matters. Religiously, he is attached to the doctrines and policy of the Lutheran Church, of which he is a member. His interest in educational matters and general intelligence fit him abundantly for the position of School Director in which he has served. His efforts are always given cheerfully toward promoting the best welfare of the county and towards the elevation of the community.

ANDREW J. CLINE. Among the self-made men of Fayette County, none deserve greater credit than the subject of our sketch, who is in possession of a comfortable amount of this world's goods, obtained by hard labor and good management. At the beginning, when starting out in life for himself, he made it a rule to live within his income, and this resolve, closely followed, has given him an independence, than which there is no more pleasant thing in the world. He is at present residing on his farm in Jasper Township, Fayette County.

Our subject is the son of George and Catherine (Feagins) Cline, the father born in 1809, in Pennsylvania, and the mother in this county, in 1813. The elder Mr. Cline was the son of Philip and Mary Jane (Turner) Cline, natives of the Old Dominion, who came to Ohio in 1813, and made settlement on a raw tract of land in Clinton County. Mrs. Cline was the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Bush) Feagins, natives, respectively, of Kentucky and Virginia. Her parents were married in this county over eighty years ago, at which time they located on Rattlesnake Creek, Concord Township, where Mr. Feagins cleared up a farm. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and, with his good wife, was highly esteemed in the county. They were the parents of eight children, four of whom are living.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cline, on making this county their permanent home, located upon a tract of unimproved land, where the mother is still a resident, being the oldest settler now living in this section. She is hale and hearty, and has under cultivation three hundred and forty-five acres of valuable land. The father of our subject was School Director and Road Supervisor, during the incumbency of which latter office he rendered great service to the traveling public. He was a Democrat in politics, casting his first vote for Andrew Jackson, and his last for Grover Cleveland. Four of their children are still living. Edward makes his home in Clinton County. During the late war he was Orderly Sergeant of Company F, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio Infantry, and has been one of the Commissioners of Clinton County for six years. William S. Cline resides in Jasper Township; Mary E. is the wife of Simon Jamison, has three children, and resides in Livingston County, Ill.; and Andrew J., of this sketch, was the youngest in order of birth. Mr. Cline died January 28, 1888.

He of whom we write was born July 4, 1841, in this township, growing to manhood on the old homestead. He was permitted to attend the common schools but a few months during the winter season, but at such times acquired sufficient knowledge to give him an impetus to gain more. He remained under the parental roof until reaching his majority, when he started out empty-handed to earn a name and fortune for himself.

In 1864, Elizabeth H. Nelson became the wife of our subject. She was the daughter of Samuel Nelson, of Ross County. Her parents dying when she was very young, she was then taken into the home and heart of her aunt, Hannah Shelton. Mrs. Cline was born July 3, 1843, in Ross County. Twelve years ago Mr. Cline located upon his present farm, which contains ninety acres. His estate is improved with substantial buildings, the most

attractive among which is his comfortable residence, which was erected three years ago. His large barn was built in the fall of 1891, and affords ample room for the storage of grain and shelter of stock.

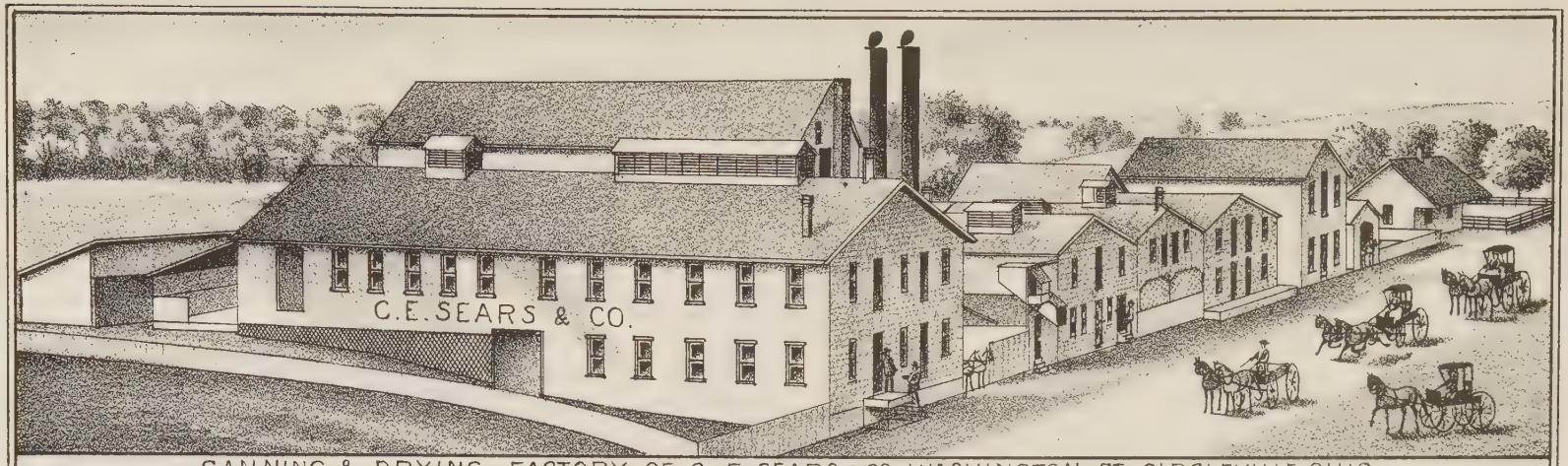
Mr. and Mrs. Cline have been granted a family of three children: Mary Catherine, now Mrs. E. Weaver, has one child, and resides in Jasper Township; Samuel N. and Philip P. They have all been given every advantage for obtaining good educations, and Mary, previous to her marriage, taught school. Mrs. Cline is a conscientious member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is active in all good works. Our subject is Director of his school district, and in politics, is a believer in Democratic principles. He has been the incumbent of the positions of Township Trustee and Supervisor, and is accorded the respect of all who know him.

HORACE B. McCORD. Among the old residents and prominent farmers of Scioto Township, Pickaway County, we are pleased to mention the esteemed citizen whose name appears at the head of this sketch. He was born in Albemarle County, Va., July 16, 1825, and his father, James McCord, was born in the same county, June 10, 1802. The grandfather, William McCord, was American-born, but his father was a native of the Green Isle of Erin, who became a true and loyal citizen of America, and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War before he was eighteen years old, continuing in service through most of the war, and being in the battle of Brandywine. He was still living when the father of our subject was in his thirteenth year.

James McCord was both a farmer and carpenter, and when he came to Ohio in the fall of 1834, he sold his farm of forty-eight acres in Virginia, and made his way across the mountains with team and wagon, a journey of six hundred miles, being three weeks on the way. He settled first in this township, but a year later moved to Franklin County, where he remained for four years, and then returned to settle in the woods in Scioto Township, and made his home in a log cabin. He first bought one hundred and fifteen acres, and at his death owned an estate of four hundred and fourteen acres. He was a hard worker and a good business man, and did an immense amount of clearing. He was a Methodist in his religious views, and a Democrat in politics. His wife, whose maiden name was Sydney Brown, was born in Albemarle County, Va., in March, 1807. Her seven children were: Horace, Isabel, William (who died at the age of eight), John, Andrew (who died in his second year), Mary (Mrs. Brown), and James A. The father of this household died in February, 1875, and the mother lived until July, 1884. They were Methodists in their religious belief.

The subject of this sketch was nine years old when he came to Ohio, and well recollects the long and tedious journey. He had attended school only some six months while in Virginia, and here he entered the log schoolhouse, and out of school worked on the farm, remaining with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age. He then engaged to work for a neighboring farmer, and earned his first money by cutting corn at two cents a shock, a shock comprising an area twelve hills square. After this, he worked for five seasons, at $10 a month, for his father, and was married March 26, 1857, to Mary Callahan, who was born in this township, and who died March 8, 1867, leaving no children.

Mr. McCord was again married, January 21, 1871, this time to Elizabeth (Wade) Denheen, who was born in Knox County, Ohio, January 13, 1839. Their five children are Harry L., Laura, Chauncy, Miner and Daisey. Harry died when eleven months old. Laura is now from home studying at the Central Academy. The parents of Mrs. McCord were Abner and Anna (Terrell) Wade, who were natives of Knox County, Ohio, and Greene County, Pa., respectively, and who came to Ohio in their early childhood. The father was a farmer and still lives with his children on the farm in Franklin County, where he settled during the days of the Civil War. He is now seventy-eight years old, and in early times was noted as a great hunter



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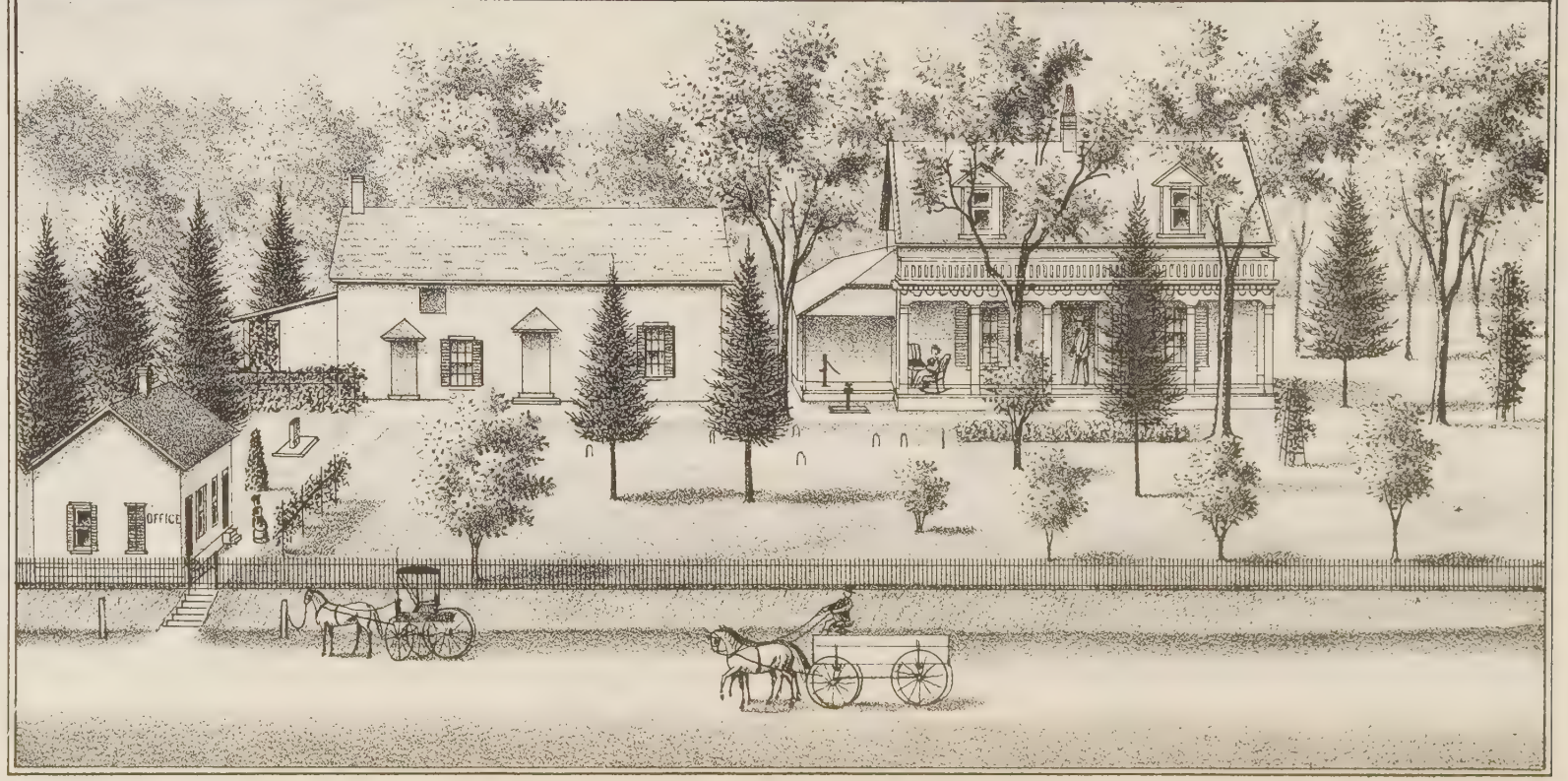


RESIDENCE OF MR. & MRS. C. E. SEARS, WASHINGTON ST., CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO.

as well as a worker, and he did much to clear up the country. He reared fourteen children: Elzy, Joseph, Elizabeth, Mary, James, Emeline Tillie, Anthony, William, Josephine and Joseph; three died in infancy.

Our subject first bought fifty acres of land north of his present farm in 1856, and, having bought and sold several times, finally purchased one hundred and twenty-four acres across the line in Franklin County, in 1864. After living there for three years, he sold that property in 1871, and bought two hundred and seven acres, after which he sold fifty acres of that land and bought his present farm. He has two hundred and fifteen and a half acres of well-improved land, and carries on mixed farming, raising grain and stock, and fattening some cattle and a large number of hogs. He built his commodious and comfortable brick residence in 1883, moving into it in August, 1884, and his large frame barn was erected in 1883. Mrs. McCord is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. McCord is, in his political views, a Democrat, although he pays little attention to politics, and has never aspired to office. He has seen most of the development of this country, and has been remarkably successful in his business.

CONRAD RICHARDS. Among the standard and leading establishments of Circleville, Ohio, the Cooperage Manufactory, conducted by Conrad Richards, stands among the foremost. This is the largest enterprise of the kind in the Scioto Valley, and an immense amount of business is done. Twenty skilled employes are kept at work and turn out first-class articles. The machinery is of the finest and most modern make and no works are fitted with more modern appliances. The goods are all guaranteed and are standard with the trade, and those dealing with Mr. Richards will get advantages not obtainable elsewhere.

Henry Richards, father of our subject, was born near Cologne, Germany, in February, 1802, was a tailor by trade, and conducted a shop in his native city. He also owned a vineyard and manufactured wine there. About 1853, he became desirous of settling in the "land of the free," and he emigrated to America, locating in Circleville, Ohio, where he carried on his trade for three years, or until 1856. He then returned to his native country, and in 1859 came back to America with his family. He settled in Circleville again, followed his trade, but in addition was engaged in the real-estate business. He died in October, 1891. In religion, he was a Catholic, and in politics affiliated with the Democratic party. His wife, who was formerly Eliza Brungs, was also a native of Germany, and the daughter of Conrad Brungs, who was a carpenter in that country. Mrs. Richards died at the age of seventy-six years. Six of their eight children came to America and five are now living. One son, Henry, was a soldier in the Civil War and first enlisted for three months. After his term had expired, he re-enlisted in the Forty-third Ohio Regiment and was in active duty until cessation of hostilities. After the war, he returned to the Buckeye State and died in Cincinnati shortly afterwards. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias. Another son, John, was in the Morgan raid, was captured at Petersburgh, Va., and was in Andersonville Prison for a year. He suffered untold horrors and after being released, came home more dead than alive. He is now the owner of a steamboat on the Ohio River.

Conrad Richards was born near Cologne, Germany, on the 27th of March, 1836, and was reared near Lenz, on the River Rhine. He attended the common schools from the age of six until fourteen, and when fifteen years of age he began working in the copper mines, and was also in the silver mines in West Phalen for about three years. He became a practical miner, driller and blaster. In June, 1856, he left Antwerp, Belgium, and as he could not get a passport, he and his brother were smuggled aboard. They were on the ocean forty-seven days, and after landing in New York City went up the Hudson River to Albany, thence by rail to Columbus and from there by packet to Circleville, Ohio. He has picked up the English language since coming to this country and is quite a fluent speaker. After reaching the Buckeye State, he worked on a

farm for a year but did not like it, and then embarked in gardening, which he continued until the fall of 1862, when he began serving as apprentice at the cooper trade. A year later, he began business here and in Chillicothe, but in 1874 he started his present business on the Scioto Valley Railroad between Maine and Mound Streets. His building is two stories in height and is 80x60 feet in dimensions. The capacity of his manufactory is three hundred barrels, and Mr. Richards superintends the business himself.

Our subject chose for his life companion Miss Theressa Kelhofer, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and their marriage was solemnized in Chillicothe in 1865. Their union has been blessed by the birth of six children who are as follows: Lizzie, married John Ryan; Henry, a cooper by trade, married Mary Schweizer; Annie married Frank Stein; Maggie, Mary, and Birdie, all at home. Mr. Richards is a Democrat in politics, but is not radical in his views. He is a clever, shrewd business man, has been unusually successful, and by his pleasant, genial disposition has won many friends.

THOMAS HORN, whose home is in Fairfield Township, Madison County, is an intelligent and progressive farmer and a man of unbounded energy and zeal in whatever project he undertakes. He is the son of John M. Horn, who was born in Berkeley County, W. Va., while his mother, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Recob, was a native either of Pennsylvania or Maryland.

After their marriage, the parents of our subject located in Ross County, this State, where they resided until 1851, and then came to Madison County, where the father's decease occurred March 4, 1861, in Fairfield Township. The mother, who survived him many years, departed this life at the home of her daughter in McLean County, Ill., in the fall of 1872.

Our subject was the youngest child in the parental family of seven children, his birth occurring in Ross County January 26, 1836. He was a lad of fifteen years at the time of his parents' removal to this county, and on the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted in March, 1862, becoming a member of Company H, Second Battalion, Eighteenth United States Infantry. He participated in many of the important engagements in this struggle, among which were Mumfordsville, Ky., Hoover's Gap, and Chickamauga. In the first-named battle, Mr. Horn was taken prisoner, but was paroled the following day and exchanged. He was mustered out of service at the close of the war at Lookout Mountain, Tenn. While in the army, he met with a serious accident by being run over by a horse and for six months was unfit for duty.

Returning home when his services were no longer needed on the field of battle, our subject engaged in the mercantile business in Georgesville until 1872, when he disposed of his interest in that line, and coming to Lilly Chapel, this county, purchased a farm which he operated, and at the same time conducted a good mercantile trade. He had the honor of building the first house in Lilly Chapel after the town was laid out, and continued in business there until 1878, since which time he has given his entire time to farming pursuits. His estate, which includes eighty-six acres, is pleasantly located just north of the village, and by being properly cultivated, brings its owner handsome returns.

June 6, 1867, Mr. Horn and Miss Sarah J. Courtright were united in marriage. The lady was the daughter of the late Jesse and Mary (Brown) Courtright, natives of Franklin County, where the father held the office of County Surveyor, and at his death, in April, 1874, was one of the prominent citizens of his community. Mrs. Horn was born July 1, 1839, and was the eldest in a family of ten children. She has taken an active and prominent part in church work, holding membership with the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and has been Class-leader and President of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the auxiliary at Lilly Chapel. She is a lady of culture and education, and prior to her marriage taught school for seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Horn are the parents of six children, namely: Walter, Edward, Josephine, Samuel,

Mary and Emma. Our subject has occupied a very high position in local affairs, and while residing in Georgesville was Postmaster for seven years. In politics, he votes with the Republican party, and by his good works has secured the unbounded confidence of his fellow-citizens.

CHARLES DRESBACH, B. S., LL. B., of Circleville, was born in Fairfield County, seven miles from this city, where he now makes his home, the date of his birth being August 15, 1859. He belongs to an old Pennsylvania family of Saxon descent. His grandfather, Jonathan Dresbach, was born in Berks County, Pa., and removed to Ohio in his young manhood, settling in Fairfield County, where he improved a large tract of Government land.

The father of our subject, Benjamin Dresbach, followed agricultural pursuits on the old homestead, where he was born and where his entire life was passed. His marriage united him with Miss Emily Roby, a native of Pickaway County, Ohio, who died in Circleville in 1889. Her father, who was born in Maryland, was a pioneer of Tarlton, this State, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. Later, he moved to Bainbridge, Ross County, where he followed merchandising until he retired from active business life. Benjamin Dresbach and his estimable wife became the parents of seven children, all of whom still survive. The father died at the old homestead in 1883, when fifty-seven years old.

The fourth in the family is the subject of this sketch, and commenced his literary education in the district schools, and afterward entered the Normal University of Lebanon, Ohio, from which he graduated in both the Business and Classical departments. In 1884, he was graduated from the scientific department of the University, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science, with the honor of being the Valedictorian and Commencement Orator of his class. In the fall of the same year, he entered the department of law in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and was graduated in 1886, when the degree of Bachelor of Laws was conferred upon him. During his University life, he was a member of, and filled all the offices in, the Phi Delta Phi, the only exclusively legal fraternity in the United States. He was also a prominent member of the Webster Literary Society, in which he was honored with various offices, including that of President.

Mr. Dresbach was admitted to practice at the Bar of the State of Michigan soon after going to Ann Arbor, and, while in that city, besides carrying on his university studies, spent three months in the office of Judge Thomas M. Cooley, who was at that time revising his work on "Taxation." While in the University of Michigan, he was actively identified with the School of Political Science, and also devoted considerable attention to the studies of the regular medical department. In 1885, he was admitted to the Ohio Bar, and in June of the following year, opened an office in Circleville, where he has since carried on an extensive practice.

Mr. Dresbach was united in marriage June 2, 1892, with Miss Maud N. Kerrick, of St. Louis, Mo.

In his social relations, Mr. Dresbach is a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, and also a Thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, belonging to the Ohio Consistory at Cincinnati. He is also a member of Syrian Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Cincinnati, Ohio. He is Past Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, and one of the founders of the Elk Lodge of Circleville. Politically, he is an active member of the Republican party, the principles of which he considers best calculated to advance the interests of the people. He is conceded to be the best-posted and best-read man in Circleville, his knowledge covering a broad range of ancient, mediæval and modern history, and classical and general literature. To the wisdom acquired from books, Mr. Dresbach has added the culture imparted by travel and observation of the customs of various peoples and nations. In 1891, he made a tour of Europe, visiting the principal points of interest in England, Ireland, France, the Netherlands, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland and Italy, spending five

months abroad. Having previously gained a thorough knowledge of the history of Great Britain and the Continent, he studied every object of interest with the eye of the student and the scholar, rather than the superficial glance of the ordinary tourist. His fine library is not only large, but contains many rare and valuable books upon a wide range of subjects, and in this he constantly keeps up his classic and literary studies.

As an orator, Mr. Dresbach ranks among the most brilliant and ready speakers of this part of the State. As a lawyer, he has met with phenomenal success, and, in a few years after commencing practice, he had acquired not only a large and lucrative probate practice, but had obtained the reputation of being one of the best trial lawyers in the city. The friends of Mr. Dresbach know him to be more than a successful lawyer ; they know him to be one who is earnestly striving in all honorable ways to advance the material and social interests of the community in which he lives, and to conduct the practice of the law according to the strictest code of professional ethics.

There is probably no one of the public-spirited citizens of Circleville who is more in touch with that principle which has advanced the city along the lines of general culture than Charles Dresbach, and as such, he is honored wherever known.

JAMES WARD, a prominent resident of Walnut Township, Pickaway County, is a member of the well-known grain firm of Ward & Miller, who carry on an extensive business at Ashville. He is a native of Fairfield County, this State, his birth occurring October 16, 1844. His parents, Peter and Mary A. (Greek) Ward, were natives of Ohio; the father is now deceased. Great-grandfather William Ward emigrated from England to the United States previous to the Revolutionary War, settling in Virginia. The family came to Ohio in 1802, and located in what is now known as Walnut Township, Pickaway County. Four years later, a log cabin was erected on the farm which is the property of our subject, and this the family occupied until 1857. That rude structure is still standing and used by our subject as a tool-house.

Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ward six survive, namely: Catherine, Mrs. Sidney J. Ward; Jacob; Eliza, Mrs. Wood; James, David, and Mary E., Mrs. Milton Morral. The father of our subject was killed by a runaway team in Allen County, this State. The mother still survives and makes her home at Carey, this State.

James Ward was only four years of age when his parents came to Allen County, and had reached the age of twelve when he made this county his home. After the death of his father, our subject was taken into the home of his married sister, Mrs. S. J. Ward, with whom he resided until reaching his majority. His primary studies were conducted in the common schools of his district, and were later supplemented by an attendance of two terms at the Normal School at Lebanon. He fitted himself to become a teacher, and followed that occupation for some sixteen winters and two summers, conducting the district school with signal success.

March 9, 1876, Mr. Ward was united in marriage with Harriet Cromley, who was a native of Walnut Township, this county. She was a daughter of Stephen Cromley, an early settler of the above-named township, where he was a highly respected citizen. They have been granted a family of two children, Mettie and Myrtie, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Harriet Ward died December 6, 1882, sincerely mourned by all her friends and neighbors.

The original of this sketch is the proprietor of two hundred and fifty-eight acres of valuable land, located on section 17 and which bears all the improvements in the way of buildings and machinery which are known to modern agriculture. Mr. Ward is very prominent in his community and was candidate two different times for Director of the Infirmary. His defeat was owing to the large Democratic majority in the county, he being a stanch Republican. Socially, our subject is a Mason, and is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grange. During the late Civil War, he was a soldier in the one

hundred days' service, joining Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry. His regiment operated with Grant in Virginia, and at the expiration of his term of service, our hero was honorably discharged, having earned the appellation of Corporal. Mr. Ward is public-spirited and enterprising and possesses those personal characteristics which make him warm friends and stanch adherents.

HON. TOLAND JONES, M. D., of London, is not only distinguished in his profession as a physician and surgeon of more than ordinary skill, but he has acquired a high reputation as a business man and as a public-spirited citizen, whose name is inseparably linked with much that has contributed to advance the material interests of village and county and to promote their welfare in a higher sense.

Dr. Jones is a representative of a well-known pioneer family of Madison County, and he was born in one of its early homes, January 10, 1820, a son of Thomas and Mary P. (Truitt) Jones, who were natives of Worcester County, Md. They came to Ohio in 1816, and after a year's residence in Ross County, removed to this county and township, and took their place among its prominent pioneers who were most active in laying the foundation of its future prosperity and substantantial growth. Mr. Jones entered upon his work of redeeming the soil from the wilderness with characteristic energy, first building a small log house to shelter his family. He brought a colony of twenty young men with him, the most of whom settled here and became useful citizens. He purchased a thousand acres of land, developed a fine farm, and continued to reside here until death closed his career. He was one of the foremost men of the county while he lived. He was Associate Judge of the Bench quite a number of terms, and was often Commissioner of the county. Though not a regular lawyer, he was well read in law, and was often called upon to do legal business for the people, such as drawing up mortgages, deeds and wills. In politics, he was a Whig. The paternal grandparents of our subject were William and Sarah (Cropper) Jones. His grandmother was a daughter of Dr. Edward Cropper, of Maryland, of which State both she and her husband were natives, the latter a planter, who lived in Maryland all his life. Both the Jones and the Croppers came from England originally.

Our subject is one of eight children, the names of the others being James J., William G., Edward A., Eliza J., John E., Kendall P. and Edison S. In his younger days, the Doctor passed his life on a farm and in attendance at the common schools, where he laid the foundation of a liberal education. He later attended school at London and Springfield, and was subsequently a student at Grandville College. Deciding to fit himself for a physican, he read medicine with Dr. Aquila Toland, of London, and afterward attended lectures at the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati. Having thus become thoroughly familiar with the principles of his chosen profession, he entered upon its practice in London with bright promises for a brilliant career, as he had shown in his studies a special aptitude for his vocation. He soon acquired local fame as a sensible, practical physician, of progressive methods, and his successful amputation of a patient's limb at the hip joint brought him into wider notice, as up to that time there had been but one other case of the kind successfully treated, and he received an honorary diploma in acknowledgment of his surgical skill.

The Doctor continued busily engaged in his profession in London until 1862, when he laid aside his hopes and ambitions for a while to throw his energies into the great contest that was raging between the North and the South, and during the remainder of the war did invaluable service in defense of the Union. He took a company of soldiers to the front, was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel, and was placed in command of the One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Infantry, and was in command as Colonel until he retired from the army at the close of the war. He displayed admirable qualities as a leader, was always at his post, and his unfaltering patriotism, unflinching courage, and bold, resolute front in time of danger

inspired his men to do their best in every situation. He was first with Gen. Rosecrans, and later fought under Gen. Grant at Missionary Ridge. From Chattanooga, he went with Gen. Sherman on his famous march to the sea, and made a good record as a fighter in the various battles of that campaign. At Jonesboro, he was taken off his feet by a ball from the enemy's works, but he luckily escaped unhurt from various other dangers that he encountered in the heat of battle, and returned home to his friends unscathed.

Our subject's military life extended over a period of two years and eleven months, and he then quietly resumed the practice of his profession, in which he reaped new honors. He was Surgeon-General of Ohio during ex-Gov. Foraker's administration, and he was formerly Surgeon for the Little Miami Railway. The Doctor has been exceedingly fortunate in money matters and is numbered among the wealthy men of the county. He has handled his finances with coolness and caution, and at the same time, with far-seeing enterprise, has invested his funds so as to secure good returns. He owns the Toland Block, in the village of London, which contains a public hall, a bank, stores and offices, and Toland's Opera House. He has other valuable property at this point, and he laid out Jones' Addition and Toland's Addition to the village, and has given an impetus to its growth in various ways. He wields considerable influence in local politics as one of the foremost Republicans of this vicinity, who assisted in organizing the party, and in 1866 and 1867 he represented this district in the State Senate, showing the same versatile talent as a statesman as in other departments of life. Mr. Jones was the Presidential Elector for his district and was chosen to make the report of the State Electors of the State, at Washington, in favor of Benjamin Harrison. He belongs to the Loyal Legion of the United States, is a Mason and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dr. Jones and Miss Frances A. Toland, of this city, were married in 1846. Mrs. Jones is a daughter of Dr. Toland, who was one of the prominent and wealthy men of London. He was conspicuous in business circles as one of the organizers of the Madison County National Bank, of which he was President and one of the largest stockholders of the institution. The Doctor and his wife have had four children, three daughters and one son. Their son William P., who was a bright and promising young man, a graduate of Dartmouth College, died while attending lectures at the Medical University of Pennsylvania. Their daughters are Imogene, now Mrs. E. K. Stewart, who has five children: Frank, Handford, Margaret, Alice and Edward; Eva, Mrs. Graham, who has one son, Toland; and Bessie, Mrs. Riley, who has one son, Stewart.

ORTON A. SPERRY, attorney-at-law and Notary Public of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, has the honor of being a native of the Buckeye State. He was born in Wayne Township, Fayette County, December 27, 1861, and is the son of John and Sarah J. (Harper) Sperry, the former a native of Ross County, and the latter of Fayette County. When our subject was an infant, his parents removed to Shelby County, Ill., where his father died in 1864. The mother, with her two sons, then returned to the home of her father, Robert Harper. Our subject's brother John and himself spent their boyhood days in the home of their grandfather.

Orton Sperry worked at farm labor during the summer months, and attended the village school of Good Hope in the winter season. Thus his time was passed until nineteen years of age, when his grandfather began paying him for his services. He saved his money, and in the fall of 1882 went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and took a course of study in Eastman's Business College, from which he was graduated in March, 1883. It had long been his desire to read law, but his grandfather opposed this plan and compromised on a business course. After graduating, Mr. Sperry found it difficult to secure a position, and so returned to the farm, where he remained until the spring of

1885. He then embarked in merchandising for himself, buying a half-interest in a country store in Good Hope, but after eighteen months he sold out and returned to the farm for his grandfather needed his help He remained on the old homestead until the spring of 1887.

In that year, Mr. Sperry saw his long-cherished desire in the way of fulfillment. He entered the law office of Worthington & Marchant, of Washington C. H., and in October, 1888, became a student in the Cincinnati Law School. Entering the senior class, he was graduated in May, 1889, and then returned to Washington C. H., where he was engaged in the practice of his chosen profession for one year. He came to Mt. Sterling in May, 1890. He had no influential friends or money to give him a start, and during the first six weeks his fees amounted to only twenty-five cents, but since that time a constantly increasing patronage has rewarded his efforts, and he is now doing a good business, his practice building up rapidly.

Mr. Sperry was married September 16, 1891, the lady of his choice being Miss May Vance, of Washington C. H. She was born in Fayette County, Ohio, May 17, 1871, and is a daughter of I. J. and Mollie (Gibson) Vance. They have a pleasant home in Mt. Sterling and rank high in social circles. He was reared in the ranks of the Republican party, and is still a stanch advocate of its principles. His success is all due to his own efforts and he possesses the energy, determination and skill to win a prominent place at the Bar.

HON. JOHN NOBLE BEACH, M. D., a physician of marked talent and ability, has been brought into close and kindly relation with his patients in and about West Jefferson, in which place he resides. He is the son of the late Uri Beach, who was born in Vermont, December 7, 1789. He there spent his early years, and in 1812 came to Ohio, and for a short time worked in Marietta, whence he removed to Worthington, and there, in September 1816, was married to Mrs. Hannah Noble Gorham. The couple then located in what is now known as Canaan Township, Madison County, where they made their home. Here the elder Mr. Beach erected a sawmill, which was the first in that locality, and which proved a great convenience to the early settlers.

The father of our subject was a man of great push and energy, who had a faculty of carrying out his plans, and putting them in operation. Seeing the great need of a woolen mill in his community, he erected a building, and was engaged in the manufacture of woolen articles for several years. In company with his brother, Lorenzo, Mr. Beach purchased a tract of land in Canaan Township, this county, and laid out the village of Amity, where his decease occurred January 11, 1832. His good wife, who survived him a number of years, died November 17, 1854, firm in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which denomination her husband was also a member.

The parental family of our subject included seven children, of whom Dr. John was the youngest but one. He was born in Amity, in Canaan Township, January 27, 1829, where he was reared to manhood, and received his early education in the common schools. After attaining his fifteenth year, he took a course of study in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, and three years later began the study of medicine with the late Dr. Charles McCloud. Entering the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Dr. Beach completed the course of study in that institution, and in due time received his credentials as Doctor of Medicine, being at that time only twenty-one years of age.

Dr. Beach began the practice of medicine in Unionville Center, Union County, where he remained for three years, and then came to Plain City, Madison County, where he made his home for five years, at the end of which time he located in West Jefferson, Madison County, in 1858, where he has since been engaged in active practice, with the exception of the time spent in the army. The following is a copy of the promotions of Dr. John N. Beach, which appear in the History of the Fortieth Ohio Infantry: "Surgeon, April 14, with rank from April 1, 1862. On staff duty as follows: Surgeon of the Third Brigade, Army of the Kana-

wha, in the fall of 1862, at Gallipolis, Ohio; Medical Director of the District of Eastern Kentucky in the winter of 1862–63, at Cattletsburg, Ky.; Medical Director of the Third Division, Army of the Ohio, in the spring of 1863, at Franklin, Tenn.; Surgeon of the First Brigade, First Division, Reserved Corps, Army of the Cumberland, July 24, 1863, until after the battle of Chickamauga; Surgeon of the Second Brigade, First Division Fourth Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, October, 1863, which position he held at the expiration of his term of service; Operating Surgeon in Field Hospital of First Division, Fourth Army Corps, during the Atlanta campaign, and was mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., December 6, 1864."

On returning home from the army, Dr. Beach again located in West Jefferson, where he has been active in various phases of political work. He believes in doing right at all times and under all circumstances, regardless of the opinions of the public, and his actions as well as his opinions have been characterized by manly independence. In the fall of 1875, he was elected to the Ohio Legislature on the Republican ticket, and served the full term of two years. In 1878, he was appointed Surgeon to the Fourteenth Regiment Ohio National Guard, which position he held for a period of five years, although, in 1880, he was commissioned Surgeon-General of Ohio, by ex-Governor Foster, being the incumbent of that position for four years.

Dr. Beach stands very high in social affairs, and has been Commander of Wilson Burrows Post No. 389, G. A. R.; is a member of the Loyal Legion of the Ohio Commandery; has been on the Staff of Gen. Hurst as Aide and Department Commander, and has also served on the Staff of Gen. Alger, National Commander, G. A. R. Dr. Beach is a member of the Madison County Medical Society, also of the District Medical Society, State Medical Society, National Medical Association, the International Medical Congress, and the National Association of Railway Surgeons.

The lady to whom our subject was married in Champaign County, this State, June 31, 1858, was Miss Eliza J. Snyder. She is a native of the above county, and the daughter of Daniel and Anna (Kiser) Snyder. By her union with Dr. Beach, a family of two children has been born, the elder of whom, Edith, is the wife of Prof. John R. Rathmell, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Anna, who married Charles A. Shinn, also makes her home in that city. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and with his wife has been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church for a number of years. They are both well and favorably known throughout Madison County, and the tasteful arrangement of their beautiful residence displays the culture and refinement of its inmates.

ALONZO C. WEST, proprietor of the Palace Livery and Feed Stable, on Market Street, between Fayette and Main Streets, Washington C. H., is an active and enterprising young man and controls a good business. Fayette is his native county, Jefferson Township the place of his birth, and June 13, 1861, the date of that important event in his life.

Our subject is a son of Edmund West, a well-known resident of Jefferson Township, of which his parents were early settlers. They had come to this county from Virginia, his native State, when he was a boy, and from that day the name of West has been familiar as connected with the rise and growth of Fayette County. The grandfather of our subject lived to a good old age, dying in 1880. Our subject's mother was Mary Edge before her marriage. Of her seven children, six are living. The father of our subject is a stanch Republican and takes much interest in politics. He is prominent in the religious life of his community as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He of whom we write is the youngest of the family. After completing his education in the public schools of the county, he gave his attention to farming for eight years. Abandoning that calling, he came to Washington C. H., in October, 1891, to establish himself in the livery business, to which he has since devoted himself with financial success. His stable is well equipped and supplied

Sincerely Yours
T. C. Crowley

with carriages, buggies, sleighs, and all vehicles that are in demand in a city like this, and the horses, which are well kept, are good roadsters, combining speed and endurance. Our subject conducts his business in a manner that has won the confidence of his patrons, his name is good in financial circles, and he has a good deal of custom. He is a man of pleasant social qualities, and he stands high among the young Republicans of his native county in politics.

Mr. West and Miss Armeada A. Creamer were united in marriage October 10, 1886, and they have made for themselves a home as comfortable and cozy as possible, and the scene of true hospitality. Three children complete their household: Mary, Nina and Roy. Mrs. West is a daughter of William A. Creamer, an old settler of Jasper Township, this county.

HON. THADDEUS E. CROMLEY, A. M., the former popular, enterprising and useful Representative from Pickaway County to the Sixty-eighth and Sixty-ninth General Assembly of Ohio, is at present residing in Walnut Township. He is a native of this county, having been born in the above-named township, June 21, 1843. His parents, William and Sarah E. (Staige) Cromley, were natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Pickaway County, this State. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Richard Staige, entered from the Government the land whereon the Hon. Mr. Cromley makes his home at the present time.

William Cromley emigrated to this State at an early day, from Lehigh County, Pa., and located with his father, Conrad Cromley, in Walnut Township, where the latter-named gentleman passed the remainder of his life. To the parents of our subject two children were born: Thaddeus E., and Mary J., who is now the widow of William H. Morris, of Ashville, this State. Mr. Cromley was very prominent in local affairs and served Walnut Township in the capacity of Trustee for several years. In his political belief, he was a Democrat and was warmly interested in all measures advocated by his party. At his death he left an estate of eight hundred acres of valuable land, a sufficient proof of the fact that he was a successful business man and a good financier.

Thaddeus E. Cromley was reared on his father's farm and attended school in a little log cabin, with a puncheon floor, slab seats, etc., until about twelve years of age. Four years later, he entered the Circleville Union Schools, there preparing himself for college, and in 1861 became a student in Kenyon College, at Gambier, this State. He took the full collegiate course and was graduated in 1865 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Three years later, the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him.

Owing to close application to his studies while in college, Mr. Cromley's health failed him, and instead of choosing a professional life he preferred outdoor employment and became an agriculturist. He has always taken a deep interest in educational matters and served as a member of the School Board for a number of terms. He has been the recipient of various official positions, for a number of years being identified with the Town Council of Ashville, and Trustee of Walnut and Harrison Townships. He has been an active worker in the ranks of Democracy, and in 1886 was selected by that party as a Representative from Pickaway County. On the expiration of his term of office, he was re-elected, in 1888, serving until January, 1892. In 1890, he was nominated for Secretary of State, but was defeated by about ten thousand votes.

October 6, 1870, our subject was united in marriage with Mary R., daughter of Isaac D. and Sarah A. Miller, the former of whom is deceased and the latter makes her home in Harrison Township. Mrs. Cromley was born in the above-named township and in her youth was given a good education. She is a most estimable lady and has many warm friends in this locality. Her parents were early settlers of Harrison Township and were born in the Old Dominion.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cromley have been born eight children, all of whom are living with one exception.

They bear the respective names of Charles E., Alvah M., Metta M., Amy L., Annie G. (deceased), Willie C., Anna M. and Thaddeus R. Mr. Cromley is the proprietor of a magnificent estate of eight hundred acres which bears excellent improvements in the way of buildings and machinery, for the owner believes that the best methods and latest improvements bring him in the largest returns.

The Hon. Thaddeus E. Cromley is a member of the Grange and the Knights of Honor, serving the latter order as Dictator of Lodge No. 3005. While in the Legislature, he was Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, and was Chairman, pro tem, of the Committee on Agriculture. He was the framer and author of a Farmers' Institute Bill, making the Farmers' Institute a permanent organization in different counties. He was also identified with the development and with the practical work of the Ohio Experimental Station, at present located at Columbus. These two bills, especially, gave him a State reputation and were the means of securing him the nomination for Secretary of State. As a Legislator, he reflected great credit upon himself and his constituents, the welfare of the public always being held in view by him in the light of patriotism. He is a cultured and educated gentleman, of high financial and social standing, enjoying the entire confidence of the public. The biographer found him to be genial, hospitable, entertaining and thoroughly conversant with the leading topics agitating the body politic to-day. We are, therefore, pleased to be able to place before our readers the life sketch and portrait of so honorable and influential a gentleman, who is widely and favorably known throughout the State as a man of uprightness and thorough honesty of heart.

JOHN M. SHAFFER, who combines the occupation of a manufacturer of drain tile, building blocks and pressed brick with that of a farmer, is residing at Sedalia. He was born in Jefferson County, this State, November 10, 1837, and is the son of Jacob and Christina (Coffman) Shaffer, the former of whom was born in Shenandoah County, Va., April 7, 1790, grew to manhood in that county, and attended school with Zachary Taylor.

Soon after his marriage, the father of our subject enlisted in the State militia and participated in the War of 1812. He moved to Pennsylvania in 1827, locating in what is now Braddock Fields, where he followed his occupation of a blacksmith. His eldest child, Maria, was born in Shenandoah County, in 1814, and the remainder of the family were Barbara, Anna H., Susan; Noah N., who was Lieutenant-Colonel in the secret service during the Civil War, Martin C., who was born in 1825; Ambrose B., in 1827; Margaret J., in 1830; Sarah Catherine, in 1832; Alex C., in 1834 and our subject in 1837. He of whom we write lived in Jefferson County until 1853, when he removed with his parents to Wheeling, Va. His father, in the meantime, had abandoned blacksmithing and operated a gristmill on Short Creek, in which line of work our subject was employed till he went to the Old Dominion. In Wheeling, he began clerking in a general store, which he followed for three years, and then remaved with his parents to Marion County, Mo., which was their home until the fall of 1859. While residing in the West, John M. worked in a woolen mill until the above date, when, the slavery question being agitated warmly, the family came to Marietta, this State, and he began working on the Cleona Fruit Farm, owned by E. J. Plumbley, a good old Quaker gentleman.

In 1860, after casting their vote for Abraham Lincoln, our subject and his brother, Alex C., loaded a vessel with produce, which they marketed at New Orleans for Mr. Plumbley, receiving $45 per month for the trip. It was a very dangerous proceeding, as men were shot down on all sides, and their lives were only safe when hiding in the bottom of the boat. They returned in the spring, and that summer Mr. Shaffer operated a drill, boring for oil in the vicinity of Marietta.

September 7, 1861, he of whom we write enlisted in Company L, Ohio Cavalry, under Capt. T. J. Patton, and was mustered in at Camp Chase. There he remained until, with his regiment, he was sent to Kentucky, and near Lexington waited until they received their arms. He participated in many skir-

mishes and at the battle of Pittsburg Landing came up with the reserve on the day after the battle. He was wounded on the road between that city and Corinth, an artery being severed in his right leg just above the knee. In addition to that misfortune, he was taken with the fever, and being sent to the field hospital, remained there seven or eight days, when he was taken to St. Louis, and ten days later to Camp Chase, thence home to Marietta. In December, he was ordered to Columbus, where he received his honorable discharge on the 10th of that month. He was at that time given a pass to travel wherever he pleased in the army, and fitting himself with a stock of goods, peddled his wares among the boys, thus furnishing them with many necessary articles which they could not have otherwise obtained.

John M. Shaffer and Miss Almeda Sims were united in marriage August 6, 1863. He had first met the lady when a cavalryman, when she was so frightened at the sight of the soldiers that, on being asked for a drink of water, she replied that she would go to the spring to get some, but the moment she was out of sight ran as if for her life. Mrs. Shaffer was born in Franklin County seven miles from Columbus, August 24, 1845, and was the daughter of Edward J. and Sarah (Rose) Sims.

Our subject amassed quite a little fortune in peddling among the soldiers but he later lost it by investing in a panorama of Lincoln's death. In 1865, he removed from Columbus to Spring Hill, Madison County, and operated a sawmill for three years, at the end of which time he began the manufacture of tile. In 1881, he moved to Midway and established in that line of business, manufacturing pressed brick, building blocks, etc., having an income of about $3,500 per year.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have become the parents of ten children: Rhodolp S. is engaged as a printer in Midway, and also is employed with his father in the manufacture of tile; Ellen M., Mrs. J. T. Crabb, lives in Columbus; Ora A. married M. J. Busick and resides in Chenowith, Madison County; Eva J. became the wife of E. J. Clawson and makes her home in Clarke County; Arthur died October 15, 1876; Leona, Walter H., Bessie P., Carl A. and Newell B. are at home with their parents.

Our subject supported the Republican party from 1860 until of recent years, when he joined the Prohibitionists. He has been Justice of the Peace six years, in Fairfield Township, Madison County, and Constable two years. With his wife, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which body he has been Trustee. Socially, he is a Mason and has been Chaplain in the Blue Lodge. He is also an Odd Fellow, and has been through the encampment, holding membership at Lilly Chapel and London. He is a charter member of Vincent Allen Post No. 678, G. A. R., and has attended the State National Encampment of that order. He is also a member of the Sons of Temperance and belongs to the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, of which he has been Chaplain.

T. S. ALKIRE. A large number of the young gentlemen of Madison County are occupying positions of honor and responsibility in their various townships, and are entering upon careers which give every indication of future welfare and affluence. Among this number is the subject of this biographical notice, who was born in Pleasant Township, March 1, 1865, and is successfully engaged as a farmer and stock-raiser on the old homestead where he was born.

The history of the Alkire family in America is quite fully given in the biographies of Abraham R. and Gabriel Alkire, presented in another portion of this volume. The former gentleman, who is the father of our subject, is one of the most prominent citizens of Mt. Sterling and a man whom everyone honors for his sterling traits of character. T. S. grew to manhood on his father's farm, where he early acquired a practical knowledge of agriculture, meanwhile receiving his education in the schools of Mt. Sterling, which village adjoined the farm.

After finishing his education, our subject carried on the homestead with his father until the latter moved to the village in 1888. He then divided the farm among his sons, the home place of sixty-eight acres becoming the property of our

subject, beside three hundred and eighteen acres in Darby Township, Pickaway County. The land is mostly in grass, which fits it splendidly for the raising of stock, a successful department of the agricultural work.

September 21, 1891, Mr. Alkire was married to Miss Bessie, daughter of the Rev. S. T. and Sarah A. (Wallis) Morris, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. In his political affiliations, Mr. Alkire is a stanch adherent of Republican principles, and cast his Presidential ballot for Benjamin Harrison in 1888. In his social connections, he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, having joined that order in 1890. A man of stanch integrity and utmost probity, it is not strange that his friends look to his future with great expectancy of honors and success.

LEWIS C. MALLOW. Prominent in social and business circles of Jasper Township, Fayette County, is the family of L. C. Mallow, whose attractive home and beautiful farm is one of the finest in the county. His estate comprises the magnificent sum of eight hundred and eighty acres, all of which are under the best methods of improvement.

The father of our subject, Simeon Mallow, was a native of Ross County, this State, his birth occurring in 1813. His father, Adam Mallow, hailed from Virginia, where his father, also named Adam, was born, and where the family were among the F. F. V's. The last-named gentleman was captured when six years of age, together with his mother, by the Indians, and was kept in bondage six years. The mother was traded, after a period of two years, to some Frenchmen, by whom she was taken to New Orleans, but later returned home.

The grandfather of our subject was Colonel of an Ohio regiment in the War of 1812. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Jane Campbell. She was born in Kentucky, and was the daughter of William Campbell, who was among the early settlers of Fayette County, this State, where he was a prominent agriculturist. Her birth occurred in 1818 and after her marriage with Mr Mallow, resided for a time in Fayette County, and later removed to Ross County, where her death occurred in 1875; the father passed away in 1884. They were the parents of three sons and one daughter.

The original of this sketch was born March 3, 1840, in Ross County, and was trained to the life of a farmer on the old homestead. His education was received in the schools of his district, supplementing the knowledge gained therein by a course of reading in later years. He was married November 23, 1863, to Eliza J., daughter of Andrew Haughey, of Clinton County, this State. To them has been born one daughter, Jennie E., who is the wife of N. B. Hall, and resides in Washington C. H.; she is the mother of three children.

Mrs. Eliza J. Mallow departed this life February 23, 1865, and the present marriage of our subject occurred December 28, 1869, at which time Miss Ellen, daughter of James H. Hays, became his wife. The following-named six sons have been born to them: Orville S., Werter H., Russell C., Earl L., Carl S. and Roy G. In May, 1864, Mr. Mallow enlisted in the Union army, joining Company C, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio National Guards, being mustered in as Second Sergeant. The company went from Cincinnati to Baltimore, thence to Saulsbury, Del., to Washington, D. C., to Harper's Ferry and Frederick City, being engaged in skirmishing around Washington and in Virginia and Maryland. He was honorably discharged in the fall of 1864, when he returned home and engaged in the peaceful pursuits of farm life.

Mr. Mallow, in the spring of 1863, came to Fayette County, and located on the Eustace Survey, where he made his home until removing to his present location on Webb's Survey, which he did in 1888. His beautiful residence, which was erected three years ago, is the finest in the township. It is supplied with all the modern conveniences, and is finished and furnished in a style that shows its inmates to be people of ample means and cultured taste. Mr. Mallow has placed his entire estate of eight hundred and eighty acres under cultivation, and has caused many thousand

rods of tiling to be laid. Large and commodious buildings add to the value of the place, and stamp Mr. Mallow as a wide-awake and progressive citizen.

Socially, he of whom we write is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being identified with the lodge at Washington C. H. He is also a Knight Templar, belonging to the Blue Lodge and Chapter. Mrs. Mallow is a Dunkard in religious matters, and is a very intelligent and highly-esteemed lady, who has done her full share in aiding her husband to attain his present financial standing in the agricultural community. Our subject votes the straight Republican ticket, and has served as a member of the School Board. He has also been Trustee of his township, and for six years was County Commissioner, having been Chairman of the Board. He has been a delegate to county conventions, and, all in all, is a very active and prominent citizen. When locating in Jasper Township, it was Democratic in politics; now it shows a Republican majority of seventy-five, of which fact Mr. Mallow is justly proud, as he has been a hard worker for the interest of that grand old party. He is a jovial, good-natured gentleman, and numbers his friends by the score. He carries on a mixed husbandry, to which industry he adds that of stock-raising, having about fifty cattle, one hundred and fifty sheep and thirty horses.

JEREMIAH B. CHENOWETH, a retired farmer and stock-raiser of Range Township, Madison County, was born twelve miles from Columbus, in Franklin County, Ohio, September 22, 1816. His parents were John F. and Margaret (Ferguson) Chenoweth. The father was born in Kentucky in 1792, and when twelve years of age became a resident of Franklin County, where his wife was born and reared, although her parents were natives of Scotland and were of Scotch-Irish descent. He was drafted for the War of 1812, but sent a substitute in his stead. He started in life a poor man and made rails by the hundred, but as fast as possible, invested his earnings in lands and became a wealthy farmer and stock owner. He was a Democrat up to the time of Jackson's administration, when he became a Whig and in 1856, he joined the Republican ranks. He was a stanch Abolitionist and a prominent citizen. He served as County Commissioner of Highways for many years, was Justice of the Peace for twenty years, and was twice elected to the Ohio Legislature. He took great delight in hunting and was an expert marksman.

Our subject was the fourth in a family of fourteen children, of whom two died in infancy and one at the age of thirteen. The others grew to mature years and had families, while seven are still living, and with the exception of Lewis, who resides in Sumner County, Kan., all are residents of Madison County. Jeremiah remained at home and aided his father in the labors of the farm until twenty-five years of age. He had expected to receive some of the property, but his father had to pay $30,000 security and so our subject claimed nothing and started out in life empty-handed. He was married September 23, 1841, to Miss Eliza Foster, of Range Township, a daughter of James and Margaret (Boyer) Foster, and a native of Ross County, Ohio, born August 2, 1824. They began their domestic life upon a rented farm, which Mr. Chenoweth operated for five years, when he purchased two hundred acres. This he afterward sold and bought a thousand-acre tract. From time to time his landed possessions were increased until the family has fourteen hundred acres, as Mr. Chenoweth has given a part of it to his children.

Unto our subject and his wife were born seven sons and two daughters, but the latter died in childhood. James F., who was born September 7, 1844, enlisted for one hundred days' service in the late war, returned home sick, and died soon afterward, at the age of twenty; John W., born September 9, 1846, is a farmer of Range Township, where he resides with his wife and two children; Daniel B., who was born January 10, 1849, was educated in the common schools and in London, and follows agricultural pursuits; Nelson P., born April 26, 1851, is also a farmer and stock-raiser; George W., born October 3, 1853, was a farmer,

and died August 4, 1887, leaving one child; Jeremiah S., born December 11, 1855, is living in Range Township and has four children; Newton M., born December 25, 1857, is married and resides in Range Township. He has one son, Earl Hix, born July 7, 1886.

Mr. Chenoweth proudly cast his first vote for William Henry Harrison in 1840, and is now a stalwart Republican, as are his sons, with the exception of two who vote the Prohibition ticket. He became a member of the Methodist Church in 1844, and has been Steward, a Trustee and Teacher in the Sunday-school for many years. With the exception of two of his children all belong to the same church. He has aided in the building of churches in this locality, and has given his support to all enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit. He is public-spirited and progressive and a valued citizen. His upright life and sterling worth have won him the confidence and goodwill of all with whom he came in contact.

JUDGE SAMUEL W. COURTRIGHT, attorney-at-law of Circleville, is one of the most influential and prominent citizens of Pickaway County, and is also widely and favorably known throughout the States. Through his profession, politics and Masonry, he has formed a wide acquaintance and is held in the highest esteem by all. His life record will prove of interest to many.

The Judge was born in Walnut Township, this county, December 9, 1842, and is the son of Hon. Jesse D. Courtright, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, May 5, 1811. The great-great-grandfather, Johannas Von Courtright, came from Amsterdam to Staten Island with the first families of New York and was prominent among the Knickerbocker families of New York. The grandfather, John Courtright, was born in Pennsylvania. His father, Capt. Jesse Von Courtright, had dropped the title-prefix to his name on removing to Pennsylvania. He was born on Staten Island, and served as a Captain in the Revolutionary War. About 1802, John Courtright emigrated with his family to Ohio, traveling over the mountains and through the forests with a three-horse wagon. He bought land near Royalton, Fairfield County, improved a farm in the midst of the wilderness, and was very successful becoming owner of twenty-one hundred acres of land. He built the first brick house in that vicinity. His death occurred at the age of eighty-four years. He, too, had been a soldier, serving in the War of 1812. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Drake, was born in Scotland and came of the same family as Sir Francis Drake.

Hon. Jesse D. Courtright, father of our subject, was reared in Fairfield County, and educated in the old log schoolhouse. When a young man, he married Sallie Stout, who was born in Washington Township, Pickaway County. Her grandfather, George Stout, a native of Pennsylvania, settled in this county in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He brought his family and household effects in a wagon. Among his goods was a very large clock, which is still well preserved and is now in the possession of our subject. Mr. Stout became a prominent and wealthy farmer. Soon after his marriage, Mr. Courtright located in Walnut Township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land and successfully engaged in farming. He always followed farming and finally became the owner of some two thousand acres of valuable land. He served one term in the State Legislature and refused a re-nomination. He ran on the Democratic ticket and was elected over a large Whig majority. He also long served as Township Assessor and Trustee and for more than thirty years was Justice of the Peace. He was an Elder and leading member of the Presbyterian Church, and was an influential and highly respected man. In 1870, he removed to Circleville, living retired until his death in February, 1873. His estimable wife passed away in 1881, at the age of seventy-three years. Eight of their nine children grew to mature years and seven are yet living. One son, Dr. George S., was a Surgeon in the regular United States army in Gen. Kit Carson's command, and is now a prominent physician of Lithopolis, Ohio.

Judge Courtright was the sixth child in the family. He was reared to agricultural pursuits

and his early education was supplemented by a course in South Salem Academy, where he remained until 1861. He then began studying law in the office of the late David M. Jones, and in October, 1862, entered the Law College in Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1863, with the degree of L. L. B. A few days afterward, he was admitted to the Bar, and, returning home, immediately opened a law office in Circleville. His skill and ability were at once recognized by his election to public office. In April, 1864, he was elected City Solicitor, and re-elected in 1866. In October, 1867, he was elected County Prosecuting Attorney, re-elected in 1869, and satisfactorily filled the office. In 1870, he was elected a member of the Board of Education of the Union Schools, was chosen President and was successively re-elected for four years. In April, 1875, he was elected one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the Fifth Judicial District of Ohio without opposition and was the youngest Judge in the State. After serving a full term of five years on the Bench, he resumed the practice of law and has since devoted himself to his profession.

In Circleville, December 14, 1865, Judge Courtright married Miss Jennie R., daughter of ex-Mayor Z. R. Martin, a native of Pennsylvania and an honored pioneer of Circleville. He served as Mayor for six years and was a prominent business man. Three children have been born to our subject and his wife: Florence B., who graduated from the Circleville High School and completed her vocal and instrumental instruction in music under Prof. Snyder and Miss Cranch, of Cincinnati, is an accomplished lady, now the wife of E. F. Dunn, the largest dry-goods merchant of Circleville. Jennie B., a pupil in the Circleville High School, has considerable musical talent. Marguerite B. completes the family. Their pleasant home is a magnificent residence on the corner of Court and Union Streets. It is the largest and most tastefully furnished home in Circleville and is the abode of hospitality. The Judge also owns several valuable and well-improved farms in Pickaway County and one in Bloom Township, Fairfield County.

Judge Courtright is one of the most prominent Masons of Ohio. He is a member of the Blue Lodge, Council Chapter and Commandery of Circleville, and after serving as Grand Master of the State in 1876, 1877 and 1878, declined a re-election. He has been Grand Dictator of the Knights of Honor of Ohio and was thrice Representative to the Supreme Lodge. He is also Past Chief Patriarch of the Odd Fellows' society, and is a consistent and active member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has served as Trustee. The Democracy finds in him a most ardent supporter, and his influence and power have done much for its upbuilding. From January, 1884, to January, 1886, he served on Gov. Hoadley's military staff, with the rank of Colonel, and rendered important service during the Cincinnati riot and at other times He was also Colonel and a prominent member of Gov. Campbell's staff from January, 1890, until January, 1892. The Judge is a most successful attorney. His quick powers of perception, his logical reasoning and his convincing arguments well fit him for the profession he has chosen. He has just been appointed by the Supreme Court of the State a third time as a member of the Ohio Board of Commissioners for examining candidates for admission to the Bar. The Judge is a large, well-proportioned and fine looking man, whose face gives evidence of that cordial and genial nature that has made him so popular. He is pleasant and affable, and, as stated in the beginning of this sketch, is undoubedly one of the most influential citizens of the county.

JUDGE ISAAC N. ABERNETHY, A. B., A. M., Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the Third Subdivision of the Fifth Judicial District, embracing Franklin, Pickaway and Madison Counties, resides in Circleville. He is a native of Ohio, born near Chillicothe, Ross County, August 9, 1844. His grandfather, William Abernethy, was born in Virginia. He belonged to the F. F. V.'s and was of English descent. He came with his family to Ohio and died in Ross County. James Abernethy, father of our subject, came with his parents to this State. He

married Rhoda Connor, also a native of Virginia. In 1848, he came to Pickaway County and rented a farm near Darbyville. At the time of his death, which occurred in 1890, at the age of eighty years, he owned two hundred and fifty-eight acres of valuable land. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Church and served as Class-leader. In politics, he was a Democrat. His wife died in 1856.

Our subject was the third in a family of four children, all of whom reside in Pickaway County. His first recollections are of Darbyville. His early education was acquired in a log schoolhouse, but he made the most of his opportunities and at the age of sixteen secured a teacher's certificate. He afterward engaged in teaching, then started to college. In order to pay his tuition, he engaged in teaching and in raising water melons. In the year 1860, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University from which he was graduated in June, 1866, with the degree of A. B., and subsequently the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him. Wishing to make the practice of law his life work, he began studying with Alfred Yaple, now ex-Judge of Cincinnati. He afterward studied with Hon. R. A. Harrison, one of the leading attorneys of the State, now of Columbus, and was admitted to the Ohio Bar at Chillicothe, September 1, 1868. For three years he was Principal of the schools in Mt. Sterling.

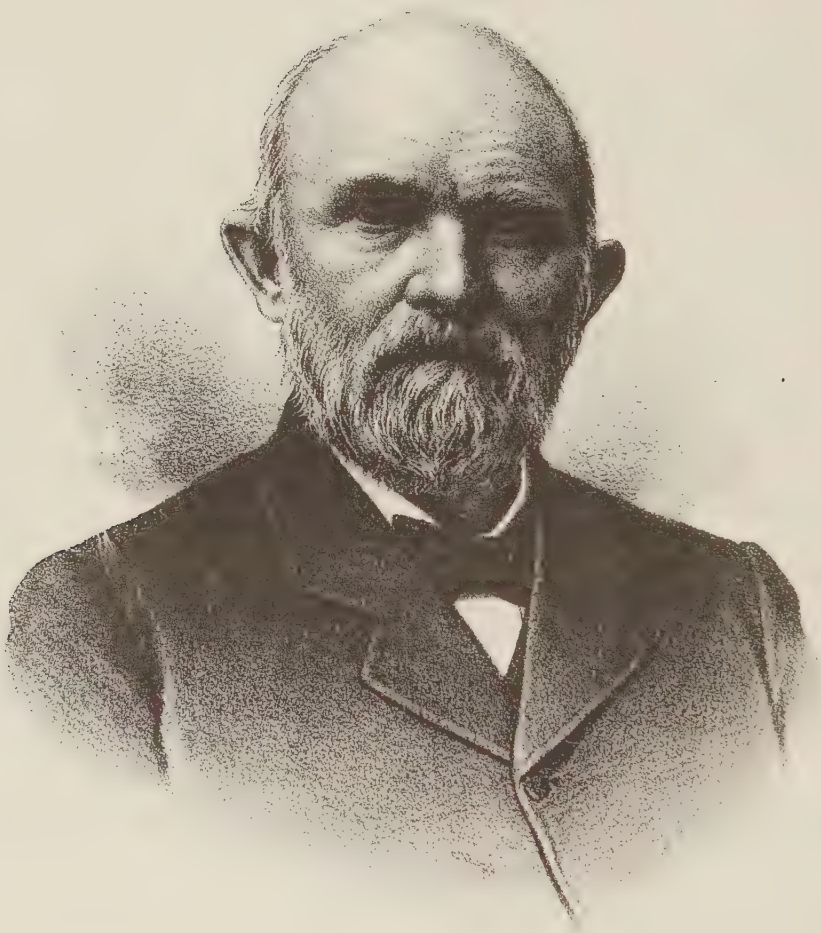
On the 8th of September, 1868, Judge Abernethy was married in Mt. Sterling to Miss Lizzie Busick, a native of that place, and a daughter of Ira Busick, who was then a merchant of Mt. Sterling. Unto them have been born six children: Ira, Charles, Harry, Rhoda, Bernard and Minnie.

The year succeeding his marriage, Mr. Abernethy located in Circleville and for a year engaged in practice as a partner of Mr. Hayes. In 1872, he was elected Prosecuting Attorney, and served from January, 1873, until January, 1877. The firm of Abernethy & Grigsby was then formed and continued business for two years. In 1878, our subject formed a partnership with H. F. Page for six years, when the firm of Page, Abernethy & Folsom was formed, Mr. Folsom being a nephew of Mr. Page. In 1887, Mr. Page retired. In February, 1890, having been elected Judge of the Common Pleas Court on the Democratic ticket for a five-years' term, Mr. Abernethy entered upon the duties of that office. His rulings are wise and he has well demonstrated the fact that he is ably fitted for the office.

The Judge served as a member of the County Board of School Examiners for four years and was its Secretary for two years, when he resigned. He was twice a member of the City Council from the First Ward and was for some years a member of the City Board of Education. Socially, he is a Knight Templar Mason, and his wife belongs to the Methodist Church. Judge Abernethy owns a fine farm of one hundred and forty-three acres in Monroe Township, in addition to the residence on North Court Street and other real estate, and laid out Abernethy's First and Second Additions to Circleville, comprising over thirty lots. He is a stockholder and Director in the Masonic Temple Association and is a stockholder in the Circleville Opera House Company. His life work in many respects is well worthy of emulation. He started in life a poor boy and by his own efforts has worked his way upwards to the proud position he now occupies. The Judge has been a lecturer in the law department of the Ohio State University for the last year on the subjects of mortgages and liens.

ASA SILVER. In this biographical sketch will be recorded a few incidents in the life of a prominent resident of Jefferson Township, Madison County. The parents of our subject, John and Mary (Koontz) Silver, were natives of Pennsylvania, the father's birth occurring July 1, 1800. The mother departed this life in the Keystone State, October 21, 1832, leaving a family of three children, viz: Richard, Henry and Asa.

The father of our subject chose as his second wife Miss Catherine Speaker, and to them were born eight children. A sketch of George T., one of the sons, will appear on another page in this



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volume. In 1854, the father of our subject united with the Baptist Church at Jefferson, soon after which he was elected Deacon, of which position he was the incumbent at the time of his death. He was a very industrious and hard-working man and departed this life in July, 1882, leaving a large estate.

The original of this sketch was born in Bedford County, Pa., October 25, 1831, and was a lad of six when he accompanied his father to this county. He has always resided in Jefferson Township, and since choosing an occupation for himself, has devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. The lady to whom he was married April 26, 1860, was Miss Delilah, daughter of David and Nancy (Morrow) Bradley, and the sister of Quinn Bradley, of West Jefferson, whose biography will be found on another page.

Mrs. Silver was born in Monroe Township, this county, December 2, 1837, and by her union with our subject has become the mother of three children: Myron A., Charles and Minnie. Mr. Silver has not been interested in politics, other than to cast a straight Republican vote during elections. Religiously, Mrs. Silver is a member of the Baptist Church and is active in all good works. Our subject owns four hundred and twenty acres of good land, which is cultivated in such a manner as to place it among the well-regulated estates in this county, and has adorned the place with all the needful buildings, not the least among which is the comfortable farm residence.

JOSHUA HEDGES. Walnut Township, Pickaway County, is the home of many wealthy and influential citizens, not the least among whom is the subject of this sketch and of the accompanying portrait. He is the proprietor of a valuable estate on section 16, which his industry and good judgment have placed under thorough cultivation, and which brings him in a handsome income.

All the early associations of Mr. Hedges are connected with the district in which he is now a resident, as he was born in this county July 18, 1832. His parents, Jabez and Maria (Williamson) Hedges, were natives respectively of Virginia and Pickaway County, this State, and the father was a soldier in the War of 1812. He located in this State in 1803, making his home in Fairfield County. A year later, he came to this county with his family, and made settlement in the woods in Walnut Township. He was employed, as were all the pioneers of that day, in subduing nature, building cabins, clearing land, breaking prairie, etc., but with all that labor was social and happy, having a care for the morals and education of his growing family. Mr. Hedges died in 1880, having been preceded to the land beyond by his good wife, who died May 13, 1868.

In Walnut Township our subject was reared to man's estate, and has followed the occupation of a farmer all his life. His education was obtained in the log cabin of that period, which was carried on under the rate-bill system. He made the best of his limited opportunities, however, and is to-day an intelligent and well-read gentleman. September 13, 1855, Mr. Hedges was united in marriage with Sarah A. Hartman, who was born in this county May 4, 1834. Mrs. Hedges was the daughter of Jonas and Sarah (Hoffhimes) Hartman, natives of Pennsylvania, who emigrated to this county in an early day. When she was an infant of one year, her parents removed to Hancock County, Ill., where she grew to mature years, and was given a fair education in the log schoolhouse with slab seats and puncheon floor.

To our subject and his worthy wife have been granted a family of nine children, eight of whom are living, namely: Clara, the wife of John Oman; Hattie, Mrs. W. A. Parks; Emma, who is a musical instructor in Nicholasville, Ky., being employed in a private female seminary; Chester, Edgar, John, Claude and Anne G. Mrs. Hedges is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is active in all good works. Our subject has been the incumbent of various positions of trust and responsibility, among which were those of Township Treasurer and Trustee. Since 1853, he has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Pickaway Lodge No. 32, at Circleville. In poli-

tics, he casts his vote and influence in favor of Democratic principles and candidates, and is interested in all measures that have for their object the upbuilding of his community. He has watched the details of improvement and the gradual evolution of his section from the original wild state to its present prosperous air of rural life. He owns over five hundred acres of valuable farming land, three hundred and twenty of which comprise the home farm. The family are among the old pioneer residents of the county, and occupy a high position socially in their community.

ISRAEL VALENTINE. Among the old residents of Pickaway County, there is probably none more worthy of our attention than he whose name has just been given, for not only is he one of the pioneers of this county, but he comes of that noble class of men who have built up its agricultural interests until it is a garden spot in the great commonwealth of Ohio.

Mr. Valentine was born in this county on the 26th of January, 1819, and is a son of John and Margaret (Zeiger) Valentine, both natives of the Eastern States. The father was born and reared near Baltimore, Md., and when a young man became desirous of owning some of the fertile soil of the Buckeye State. He came of Pennsylvania German stock and probably inherited his thrift and energy from his sturdy and industrious ancestors. At any rate, he started out on horseback for Ohio early in 1800, made several trips back and forth, and finally located on the property now owned by his son. He bought part of this from his father-in-law (or he who subsequently became his father-in-law), old Jacob Zeiger, who was the owner of large tracts of land here. Mr. Valentine married Miss Margaret Zeiger, and this ambitious and thrifty young couple began housekeeping in a log house. They worked hard in their new home and gradually gathered around them many comforts and conveniences. To the original tract of land was added more from time to time, until at the time of Mr. Valentine's death he owned four hundred acres. His wife died about 1827, and his second marriage was to Miss Elizabeth Bowers, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio. Of the eight children born to the first union, only one besides our subject is now living, Jacob, of Circleville. Eight children were also born to the second union.

Reared on his father's farm, our subject became familiar with the arduous duties of the same at an early age, and he had fairly good educational advantages. He attended the old academy of Circleville and remembers the old mounds in the vicinity. Until twenty-two years of age, he remained with his parents, and then bought eighty-three acres of land in the same part of the township. In 1841, in Circleville, he married Miss Caroline Stout, a native of Washington Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and the daughter of John Stout, who was originally from the Keystone State. The latter settled in Washington Township, this county, at an early date, and became a very extensive farmer. He passed the closing scenes of his life here, as did his wife, whose maiden name was Ann Myers, also of Pennsylvania.

Our subject and wife started out for themselves in one room of a two-story house, and the former bent all his energies towards clearing and improving his farm. Later, he added eighty-six acres to his former purchase, operated both, and as success crowned his efforts on all sides, he purchased the old Stout Farm of two hundred acres. This was in Washington Township, about four miles from Circleville, and he rented it to his sons. He also purchased the Markle Farm of one hundred and five acres in Circleville Township, on which were many improvements, and the old Zearing place of over eighty acres, in Fairfield County. Since then he has purchased the Ruby Farm of two hundred acres in Washington Township, and is now the owner of over seven hundred and sixty acres of good land. For the most of this he paid $55, $70 and $100, per acre, all being well-improved farms. Since 1887, he has given much of his land to his children, but he retains one hundred acres of the Stout Farm and the two home places. He has been very successful in farming and the buildings and other improvements on his farms are

substantial and of the latest designs. Fine groves and large orchards are on all his farms and running streams furnish plenty of water for the stock.

Mr. Valentine's estimable wife, the sharer of his joys and sorrows, died on the 11th of August, 1887, when sixty-five years of age. Although well along in years, our subject is still hale and hearty, and is a most pleasant and agreeable gentleman to meet. His marriage resulted in the birth of seven sons and four daughters: William, a farmer in Washington Township, this county; Lydia A., who died here when thirty-seven years of age; Lizzie, at home; John, who died in Fairfield County, Ohio, when forty-one years of age; George, a farmer, who resides in Washington Township; James, a farmer residing in Harrison Township, this county; Mary, now Mrs. Metzgar, residing in Circleville Township; Emanuel, who farms in Washingtown Township, this county; Sarah E., who died when four years of age; and Edward and Israel, Jr., twins, who are engaged in farming in Washington Township. Mr. Valentine is a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Circleville and assisted with his means to build a church. In politics, he is a Democrat.

JOHN C. CAPPS. One of the pleasant homes in Perry Township, Fayette County, is that of Mr. Capps, which is jointly presided over by Mr. Capps and his daughter, Mrs. Todhunter. Our subject is the son of William Capps, who was born in Virginia in 1792, and was a son of Humphrey Capps, who hailed from North Carolina and served seven years in the Revolutionary War. William Capps was a soldier in the War of 1812.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Margaret Pope. She was born in Virginia in 1799 and was the daughter of William Pope. Both parents came to the Buckeye State with their respective families when quite young, Mr. Capps coming as early as 1800. They were married in Highland County, where they made their home for a number of years, removing to Indiana in 1826. They made Morgan County, that State, their home for a period and then tried their fortunes in Vermillion County. Later they settled on a farm in Fulton County, Ill., removing thence to Knox County, the same State, where they passed their last days, the father dying in June, 1875, and the mother passing away a year of two before.

The parental family of our subject included thirteen children, five of whom are living. One son, Curtis H., enlisted during the Civil War in the Union army and died soon after in Knox County, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. William Capps were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, in politics, the father was first a Democrat, later a Whig and, finally, a Republican.

John C. Capps was born April 23, 1820, in Highland County, this State. He received a limited education in the district schools and began for himself when attaining twenty years of age. He was married May 27, 1847, to Jane, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Rowe) Anderson, early settlers of the Buckeye State and natives of Virginia. Robert Anderson, who was a very zealous Christian and exhorter, established the first Methodist Episcopal Church in this section. Mrs. Capps was one of a family of six children, and was born in 1824, in Fayette County, where she received a fair education.

After marriage, our subject located upon the farm given him by his father-in-law, in Green Township, this county, which he cleared and placed under good cultivation. Thirty-three years ago, he moved to his present farm, which ranks among the best in the township. Mrs. Jane Capps died August 12, 1885, after having borne her husband four children, one of whom is deceased. Sallie is the wife of Robert Todhunter and has had three children, one of whom is deceased. Margaret married Levi Bryan, who is deceased, and also has had three children, one of whom is deceased. She later married William Eyre and resides in this township. Mary Jane married Henry Johnson, has had nine children, of whom one is deceased, and makes her home in Green Township. Robert became the husband of Anna White and died February 24, 1881. They had one child.

Mr. Capps of this sketch is a conscientious member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which society he is Steward and Trustee. He is very liberal in contributing of his means to its support and, indeed, is interested in all measures that elevate the standard of society in his community. In politics, he is a Republican and his interest in school matters has placed him on the Board. He did very effective work for his township as Supervisor, and is highly esteemed for his honest and upright character by all who know him. Mr. Johnson began in life empty-handed and at the present time is the owner of one hundred and fifty-one acres of land, which his industry has placed in a very productive condition. His present position in the farming community has been attained largely through the good advice and economy of his late wife, to whom he accords all due praise.

CHARLES A. PALMER, attorney-at-law, has been an active practitioner of Washington C. H. since the date of his admission to the Bar, April 15, 1860. During the more than thirty years that have come and gone, he has established an enviable reputation as an able lawyer and honorable man, while his profound and varied knowledge of jurisprudence entitles him to be ranked among the eminent men of Ohio.

In what is now Jasper Township, Fayette County, Mr. Palmer was born, January 28, 1839, the son of William and Margaret (Whiteside) Palmer, natives of Virginia, who settled in this county as early as 1805 or 1807. William Palmer was prominently connected with the early history of Southern Ohio, and during the War of 1812 raised a company, of which he was Captain, and which was called out and served thirteen days, but was not mustered into service. In 1840-41, he was the representative of Fayette County in the State Legislature, to which he was elected on the Democratic ticket by a majority of twelve votes, his opponent being Gen. B. Harrison, in a strong Whig county.

In addition to his service in the Legislature, William Palmer accomplished much for the advancement of Fayette County by introducing thorough-bred Short-horn cattle, and fine horses. He was a pioneer in raising fine stock, the value of which he proved so conclusively as to create a sentiment in their favor. His farming operations were so successful that he became the owner of one thousand acres, most of which he cleared and cultivated. He was especially interested in the Agricultural Society of the county, and officiated for a time as its President. Having served his fellowmen both in public and private capacities for a long period, he passed to his rest at the age of four-score, and his mortal remains were buried January 1, 1867.

The family of which our subject is a member consists of the following children: Emily W. Turrell, Evaline M. Hankins, Granville C., Mary J. Houston, Margaret M. Smith, William H., Rebecca A. Cox and Charles A. The mother of the family died in 1865. She was a member of the Universalist Church, which was likewise the faith of her husband. After gleaning a common-school education in Jasper Township, our subject was a student successively at Antioch and Marietta Colleges, and Miami University at Oxford, where his literary education was completed.

Having resolved to commence the study of law, Mr. Palmer entered the office of Judge Robert M. Briggs, of Washington C. H., and after remaining there for a time, continued his studies in the Cincinati Law School, graduating in 1860. He was admitted to practice in all courts of the State of Ohio, and shortly afterward in the Federal Courts. Upon commencing the practice of his profession, he was alone until Judge Briggs left the Bench, when a partnership was formed, which existed until the death of the latter in 1871, since which year Mr. Palmer has practiced alone. His practice is extensive and lucrative, and he is the acknowledged peer of the best attorneys of the city. His political belief brings him into affiliation with the Democrats, which is not the popular faith in this section of Ohio. His party has twice nominated him for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, but, being in the minority, failed to elect him.

The lady who, October 15, 1861, became the wife

of Mr. Palmer, bore the maiden name of Jean M. Briggs, and is a sister of Judge Briggs, of whom mention has already been made. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, as follows: Robert B., private stenographer to Gov. Campbell during his term of office, now Assistant Secretary to the Committee on Military Affairs in Congress, and also the owner and proprietor of the *Ohio States Register*; Margaret P., wife of H. B. Maynard, of Atlanta, Ga.; Paul, who is engaged in farming in Clinton County; Helen, who is a student in the college at Painesville; Luther S., William M., Alice and Harrison B., who are at home. The members of the family are attendants at the Episcopal Church, of which they are devoted members. In his social affiliations, Mr. Palmer is a member of Fayette Lodge No. 107, Fayette Chapter, F. & A. M. He owns a splendid farm in the western part of Fayette County, where he has a fine line of trotters.

Judge Robert Moore Briggs, brother-in-law of Mr. Palmer, was so closely identified with him during the latter part of his life, that brief mention of his career will be of interest to the reader. He was born in Richmond, Va., about 1835, the son of Dr. Robert and Helen (Buckner) Briggs, and was named Robert Moore, after his father and the celebrated English poet, from whom he was descended. His father, a very prominent physician of Richmond, died when he was young, and afterward he and his sister accompanied their mother to Ohio, to look after their landed interests.

Although he read medicine for a short time, Mr. Briggs showed such an aptitude for the law that he turned his attention to legal studies, and was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School. He commenced to practice at Chillicothe, but some time in the 50's came to Fayette County, where he afterward resided. His aversion to slavery was so great that he and his mother and sister set free the slaves they had inherited from his father. Soon after locating in Washington C. H., he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Fayette County, and later served two terms in the Legislature, where he was an active and prominent member. He was next elected to the Common Pleas Bench to supply an extra Judgeship that had been provided for by the Legislature. In that position he was noted for his executive ability and dispatch of business, and attained eminence throughout the State. After filling the position for five years, he resumed his practice and continued thus occupied until his death in October, 1871. After the close of the Civil War, he followed the course of Chase, Greely and other eminent Republicans, and joined the ranks of Democracy. His wife was Catherine, daughter of Charles Robinson, and a niece of Bishop Merrill, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of the late Rev. Dr. Stuart Robinson, of Louisville, Ky.

GOTTLIEB F. WITTICH. Wittich was the name of the celebrated son of the blacksmith Wieland in the old heroic tradition, who, on account of his origin, wore a hammer and tongs in his coat of arms and a serpent on his helmet. He was the hero of the King Ermenrich and Dietrichs Von Bern. The old heroic traditions have contributed much to the diffusion of certain names, and there is no doubt that those who first adopted the name Wittich as a family name, did so in honor of the famous hero. The name is derived from "Wite"—the old High German "Witu"—meaning "woods, or forest." Hence, Wittich means man of the forest.

The oldest ancestor of our subject of whom we have any knowledge was Johannes Wittich, who was born in 1670. He was a Commissioner, or Superintendent, of Forestry in the service of the Prussian Government, being stationed near the border of Bohemia. From there he was called to fill an engagement in the same capacity in the Dukedom of Wurtemberg, where he served until his death, which occurred about 1730. Probably the family seal or escutcheon, which is still used by some of its members, was adopted by him, for it represents a deer leaping out of a shield, with the initials of the respective member of the family using it. There is little doubt but that Johannes Wittich was the first one of that name in Wurtem-

berg, for even at this time the name is not represented very numerously.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, George Jacob Wittich, was born in 1710 and was a Lutheran minister and the son of Johannes Wittich, mentioned above. His first charge was in Durnau in the Dukedom of Wurtemberg. In 1743, he was married to Maria Dorothea, daughter of the Rev. V. L. Neuffer. To them six children were born, only one of whom grew to maturity. Mrs. Maria Wittich died in 1754, and the succeeding year, the grandfather was married to Christiana Fredricks, daughter of the Rev. J. J. Neubich, of Wurtemberg. Six of the twelve children born of that union attained to old age. Of these, our subject's father died July 2, 1839, when sixty-eight years of age. Mrs. Wittich departed this life November 3, 1775. In 1757, George J. Wittich took charge of the Lutheran congregation in Liebenzell. In 1771, he was appointed to the charge of Wittershausen, where he died about 1785, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

Emanuel Frederick Wittich, the father of our subject, was born in Liebenzell. After finishing his studies in the public schools, his father intended to have him enter one of the professions, but when out horseback riding, he was thrown from his horse, and, falling on a stone, received serious injury to his breast, which deprived him of speech for some time. On recovering from the accident, although regaining his speech, he was left with an impediment sufficient to prevent him from becoming a public speaker. He was then advised by his father to choose a trade, which he did by apprenticing himself to learn the business of a book-binder. In 1801, he established in business for himself in Ebingen, Wurtemberg, a manufacturing town of about four thousand or five thousand people.

November 18, 1802, the father of our subject married Miss Maria Catherina, daughter of Johannes Wolfer. She was born in 1782, and departed this life in Circleville in 1841. Mr. Wittich continued in the book-binder's business, to which he added a stock of school and hymn books for sale, until 1836, at which time he set sail for the New World. Locating in Circleville, he engaged in his trade, taking in as his partner his son, Ferdinand F., and continued thus until his death, in April, 1839. The three children born to him were Ferdinand F., who died in 1861; Sophia, Mrs. Hartmeyer, who departed this life in Circleville when in her seventy-eighth year; and our subject.

The original of this sketch was born in Ebingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, November 28, 1819. He began going to school when in his sixth year, and four years later, having had some instruction in vocal music, was invited to sing in a choir. About that time, he entered the High School, which was then called the Latin School, where he studied Latin, drawing and French, in addition to his other general studies. He was confirmed in 1838, and at that time, his brother Ferdinand F. having come to America, he learned the book-binder's trade under his father, with whom he worked until receiving an urgent request from his brother to come to the New World. They left home June 20, 1836, going to Havre, France, via Strasburg and Paris, their party consisting of father, mother and sister's husband and child. They boarded the sailing-vessel, "Poland," which was commanded by Capt. Anthony, on the 1st of July, and after a tedious voyage of thirty-five days, landed at Castle Garden. They immediately came by way of boat to Circleville, where they were met by Ferdinand F., he having secured a position as book-binder in the office of the *Religious Telescope*.

Gottlieb F. Wittich, on arriving at his new home, assisted his father and brother in binding seven thousand hymn books which they had contracted for. In May, 1837, as there was not enough work at their trade to keep them all busy, his brother secured him a position with Joseph P. Mayer, at Cincinnati, with whom he learned the confectionery business, receiving as remuneration for his services $4 per month for the first year and $6 per month the second year.

In August, 1839, our subject came to Circleville, and, in partnership with his brother, started in the confectionery business, which connection lasted for eight years, during which time they were very successful. Mr. Wittich has ever since been engaged in the manufacture and wholesaling of con-

fectionery and ice-cream. In 1855, he erected the brick block where he carries on his business, and which contains two stores, with a frontage of forty-three feet of ground. It at that time was two stories in height, but in 1882 he added a story, which with the second story is used for offices. He occupies one store and rents the adjoining room. He is the owner of a handsome residence, located on Court Street. Mr. Wittich also owns considerable other real estate in the city and in Port Townsend and Tacoma, Wash., and in Chicago. He has the finest confectionery store in the city, in addition to which business he has added a stock of toys. He is the oldest merchant in the place, and now ranks among the wealthy and progressive citizens of the county, having been the architect of his own fortune. He is a fine scholar, as well as draftsman and penman, and has in his possession the only original copy of a bird's-eye-view of Circleville as it was in 1836, when it was really in a circle.

In October, 1841, Mr. Wittich was married to Miss Henrietta, daughter of Col. Valentine Keffer, of Pennsylvania, who came to this county in 1805, and located near Circleville, on a farm, where he became one of the prominent and wealthy farmers. The grandfather of Mrs. Wittich was Jacob Keffer, who was born in Zeselberg, Germany, in 1734. Col. Keffer owned a portion of the original site of the city of Circleville, and during the War of 1812 served as Major under Gen. Joseph Renick. At the close of hostilities, he was mustered out with the commission of Colonel. He was very prominent in this locality and for ten years was a member of the Ohio State Legislature, his popularity being such that he very seldom had an opposing candidate. In 1840, he was Presidential Elector on Jackson's ticket. His wife was Catherina, daughter of Jacob Zieger, a pioneer of Circleville, and he departed this life March 9, 1852.

Mrs. Wittich died in October, 1871, having become the mother of nine children, eight of whom grew to mature years. Albert is a fine musician and is located at St. Louis, Mo., where he is sole agent for the Estey & Camp Music Company; Melancthon is in business in Chicago; Theophilus is a Professor of Music at San Francisco, Cal.; Rosa married S. C. Gamble, who is a prominent attorney in Circleville; Willis is a graduate of West Point and is Captain in the Twenty-first United States Infantry, stationed at Ft. Randall, S. Dak., and participated in the campaign against the Indians in Dakota; Ella is the wife of Dr. E. A. Mearns, Surgeon in the United States army at Ft. Snelling, Minn.; Edward is in the employ of his father and is a fine musician; Frank is engaged in the boot and shoe business at St. Louis, Mo.

Our subject has been a Township Trustee for two years and a member of the School Board for a period of thirty years, being the oldest member on the Board. In religious matters, he is a Lutheran, and votes the Democratic ticket.

GEORGE W. VALENTINE, a native of Pickaway County, born in Circleville October 6, 1844, is a farmer of much enterprise and practical experience, and has a substantially improved, ably-managed farm in Washington Township that is classed among the best in this region. Our subject is the fifth of the eleven children, eight of whom are living, of Israel and Caroline (Stout) Valentine, of whom mention is made in another part of this work. He was born and reared on a farm, and obtained his education in the district school. He remained at the home of his parents, within the corporate limits of Circleville, until he attained his majority, and in 1865 began farming on his father's farm in Circleville Township.

In the fall of 1887, Mr. Valentine purchased the farm that he now occupies in Washington Township. It comprises one hundred and six acres of land of surpassing fertility, which is under the best of tillage, the methods best adapted to the soil being employed in its cultivation, and a fine set of buildings adorn the place, including a handsome and conveniently arranged frame residence. The land is well drained, having over two miles of tile, and it is admirably adapted to general farming purposes, to which our subject de-

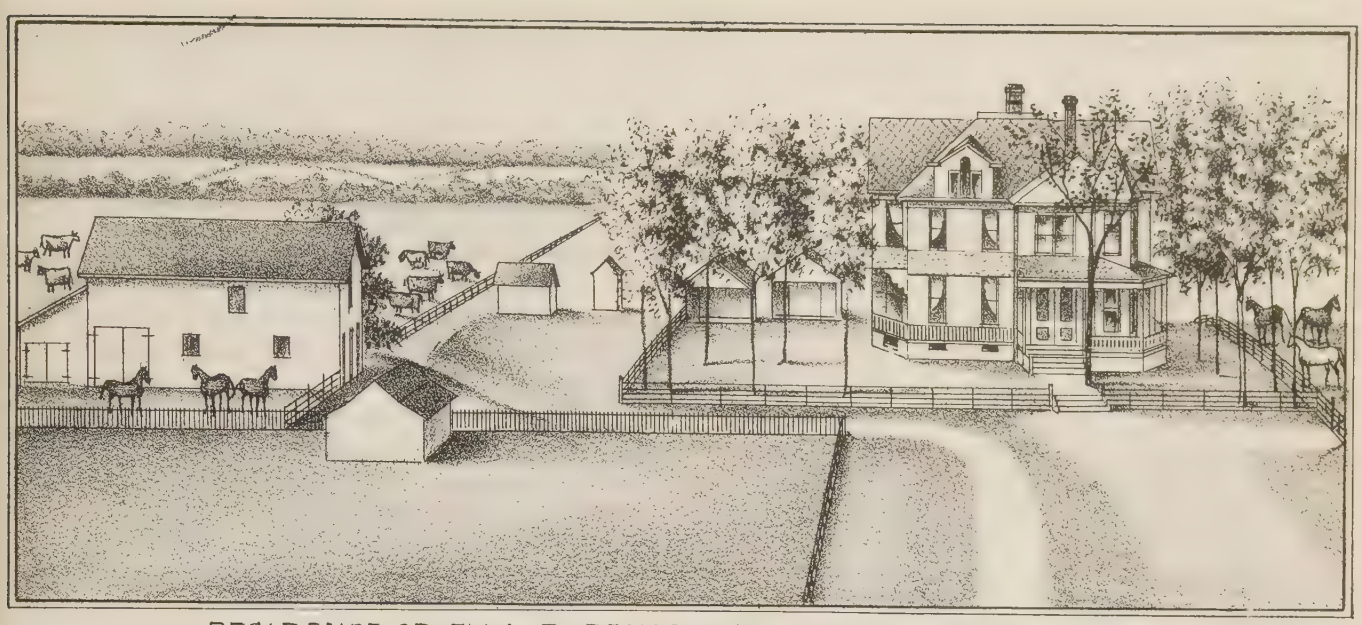
votes it. He has it well stocked with all kinds of stock of good grades, and from that source has a good income. Mr. Valentine is a thoroughly good man, whom his neighbors trust and respect very highly for his many virtues of head and heart. He takes an intelligent interest in political affairs, and gives his fealty to the Democratic party. Religiously, both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, for whose support they do much.

Mr. Valentine was married in 1865 to Miss Sarah Jane Stout, a native of Washington Township, and a daughter of Jeremiah and Caroline (Sitler) Stout. Her parents were Pennsylvanians, but they left their native State and came to Ohio prior to their marriage. He became a prosperous farmer, and is living in this county. His wife died May 15, 1890. Eight of their ten children are living. Mr. and Mrs. Valentine have been blessed in their marriage, which is an example of a true wedded life, by the birth of three children, whom they have named Florence, Edson F. and Turney W., respectively.

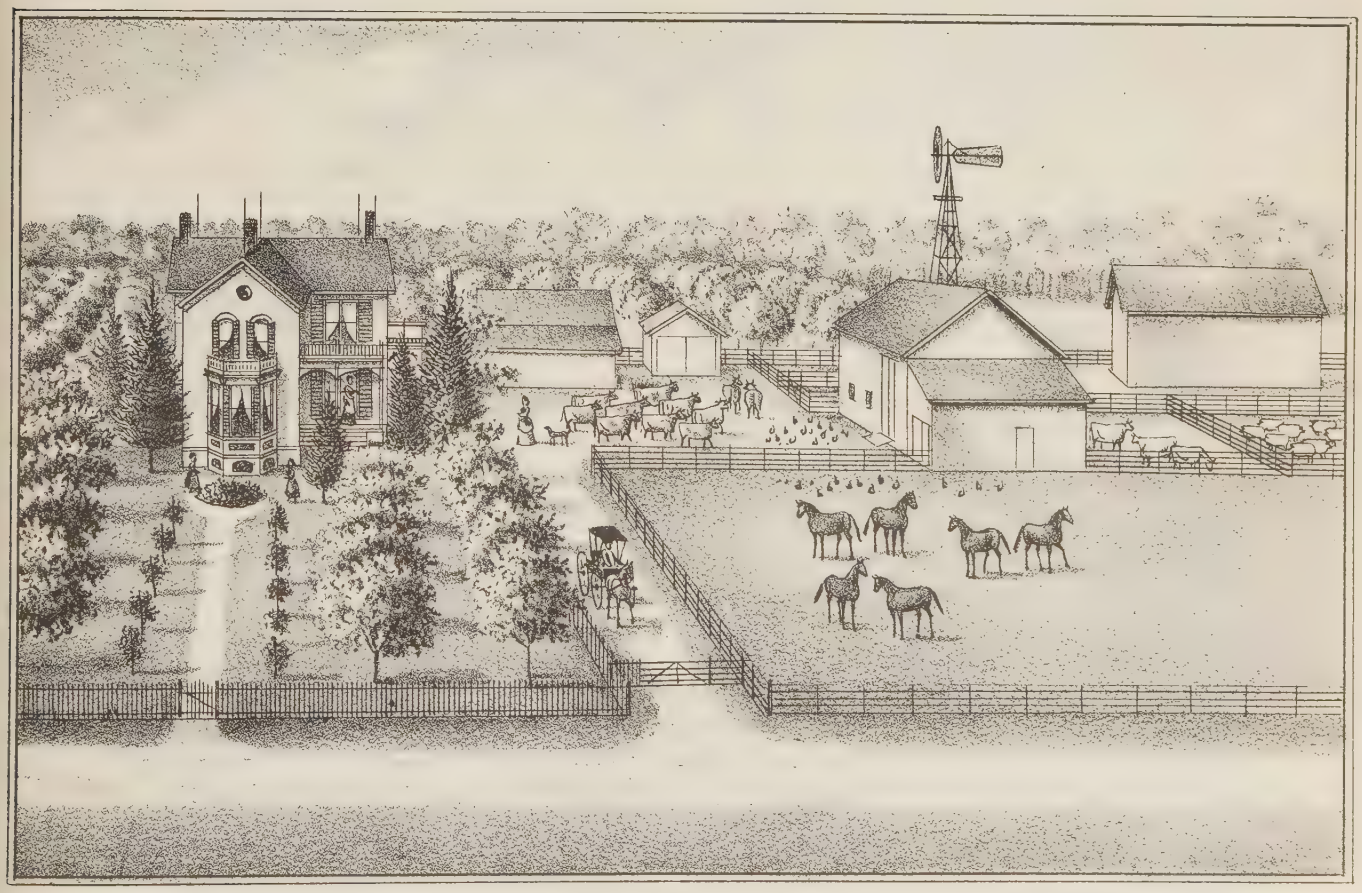
JOB R. RENICK. The late Job R. Renick, who belonged to one of the oldest and wealthiest families of Pickaway County, rose to prominence as one of its foremost farmers and stockmen, who controlled large landed and stock interests, centering in Jackson Township. At his death the county lost one of the truest and best of her native-born sons, who had ever been an honor to her citizenship.

Mr. Renick was born on the old Renick homestead in Jackson Township, where he always lived, February 9, 1820. He obtained his early schooling in the log schoolhouses that were among the first established in the county, and later attended the Blendon and Athens academies. His father was an invalid for six years prior to his death, and our subject and his brother, Thomas T., farmed the home place on shares until his death, and then they bought it, thus aggregating nearly twelve hundred acres of land. At his death, Thomas willed his interest in the farm to our subject. The latter once farmed very extensively, but subsequently went into the stock business largely, making a specialty of fine Durham and Rose of Sharon cattle, and of draft horses and roadsters of the best breeds, beside raising sheep. He was a first-class farmer, and he showed good judgment and wise economy in feeding all the corn that he raised, never selling but one load in his life. He was a man of splendid business endowments, and under his care his property increased greatly in value, and he also added to his landed estate, so that at the time of his death he owned seventeen hundred acres of choice real estate. The commodious frame residence, the finest and largest in Jackson Township, occupied by his wife and children, was built by him in 1890, but he was never to live in it, as he died February 19, 1891, just before the family moved into it.

June 8, 1875, Mr. Renick was married to Miss Ella Rutter, a native of Circleville, and her devotion and companionship, with that of the children, made his last years his best and happiest. Mrs. Renick is a daughter of Jacob and Deborah (McClelland) Rutter, who are natives, respectively, of Virginia and Pennsylvania. Her father came to this county in 1831, and established himself in the tailoring business under the firm name of Rock & Rutter. He was engaged at that eleven or twelve years, and then turned his attention to farming, buying a place in Washington Township, upon which he lived a year. He stocked the farm, and though he returned to the city, continued to manage it for some years, and also bought another farm in Monroe Township. Subsequently, he entered into the hardware business at Circleville, carrying it on for some twenty-five years with two other gentlemen, under the firm name of Rutter, Wolfley & Rains, the latter part of the time as Rutter & Wolfley. He now lives retired from active business in Circleville, but still retains a farm of two hundred and forty-one acres in Muhlenberg Township, which he rents. He and his wife have reared three children: Anna M., who died in 1864, aged twenty-one; Edward T., who died in 1887, at the age of thirty-two years, and Mrs. Renick. The latter became the mother of four children, but one,



RESIDENCE OF ELLA R. RENICK, JACKSON TP., PICKAWAY CO., O.



RESIDENCE OF A. C. BELL, SEC. 6, CIRCLEVILLE TP., PICKAWAY CO., O.

Nellie, died in infancy. The others are Harry R., Job E. and John J. Mrs. Renick is in every way a most admirable woman, of pronounced ability and remarkable business qualifications, as is manifested by the skillful way in which she manages her large farm of sixteen hundred acres, and at the same time has a well-ordered household. She is a member of the Methodist Church, and her name is associated with its every good work.

Mr. Renick was a man of much strength of character, of a kind and loving disposition, who, although he saw much trouble in his life, bore it cheerfully, and was never disposed to make others help him bear his burdens, or to sadden others with them. He was not a member of the church, but was a true believer in religion, and gave liberally of his means in support of the church and all good objects. One of his last public acts was to give a lot on which to build a Methodist Church. His fellow-men always found him kind and sympathizing, and generous where charity was needed, and in his family he was a devoted husband and an indulgent father. A strong Republican, he took a great interest in national affairs, and was influential in local politics. He was urged to accept the nomination for Representative to the State Legislature, but declined the honor.

On another page of this volume appears a view of the Renick homestead.

ALEXANDER C. BELL. This gentleman, who has the honor of being one of the three Commissioners of Pickaway County, occupies a prominent position in the agricultural community, owning eight hundred and ninety-one acres of land in Circleville, Walnut and Jackson Townships, which has been accumulated through his own persistent efforts and good judgment. In business circles he is influential, his word being considered as good as his bond.

He of whom we write was born in Walnut Township, this county, August 22, 1830. He is therefore acquainted with the gradual evolution of this section from the original wild state of the land to its present prosperous air of rural life. His father, William Bell, was born in Ireland, August 13, 1802, and emigrated to America with his father, James Bell, about 1807. The latter-named gentleman was also a native of the Emerald Isle, and on locating in Pennsylvania, followed the occupation of farmer for a few years. The family later came to this county, about 1812, where the grandparents died, leaving a family of three sons and five daughters.

The father of our subject was the eldest son of the parental family, and after reaching mature years was married to Catherine Caldwell, a native of this State, who was born March 24, 1802. The date of their marriage was November 29, 1825. Mr. Bell followed farming in Walnut Township, along the Columbus Turnpike, and was thus engaged until he died, April 30, 1851. Mrs. Bell passed from this life December 16, 1889, firm in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which body her husband was also a member. She was the daughter of Alexander Caldwell, a native of Ireland, who came to the New World early in the nineteenth century, and settled in this county, where he was one of the early pioneers. Mr. Bell was Captain of a company of militia in early times.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bell were the parents of the following-named eight children: James, Jane, our subject, Ruth, William, Catherine, Caroline S., and one who died in infancy. Caroline S., who makes her home with our subject, is the only member of the family beside Mr. Bell who is living. The educational advantages of our subject, like those of most pioneer youths, were limited, but he acquired enough to give him an impetus to go on, and to-day he ranks among the intelligent and progressive citizens of the county. His father dying when he was nineteen years of age, the care of the family fell upon his shoulders, but he sturdily braved all the responsibilities, and started out to earn money to supply the necessities of life by working out on a farm in Walnut Township, Pickaway County.

The parental homestead included two hundred acres, one-fifth of which fell to the lot of our subject. In company with two brothers, he purchased

the interest of his two sisters, the three operating the farm in partnership for a number of years. They later purchased two hundred and twenty acres additional, of which, when divided, our subject took the farm which he now occupies in Circleville Township, and upon which he moved a few years later.

October 25, 1855, Miss Minerva R. Reber, who was born in Fairfield County, this State, March 5, 1834, became the wife of our subject. She was the daughter of Thomas and Rachel (Allen) Reber, natives of Pennsylvania. Her parents were farmers, and removed to Wyandot County about 1854, where the father still resides, being in his ninetieth year. Mrs. Reber died in 1891. Only five of their family of eight children are living. Mrs. Bell died October 15, 1875, after having become the mother of nine children, namely: Thomas R., Lucy K., Clara J., Charles, Flora, Rachel, Lyman A., Mettie M. and Annie O. The eldest son married Miss Ella Helvring, and is engaged in the grain business in Circleville; Lucy K. is Mrs. John D. Newton, whose husband is a farmer of Walnut Township; Clara J. is the wife of Benjamin Renick, a farmer in Harrison Township, Pickaway County; Charles married Annie Stine, and lives in Circleville Township; Flora became Mrs. Charles Van Meter, of Savannah, Tenn.; Rachel married Arthur Wiggins, also a farmer in Harrison Township; Lyman A., formerly a stenographer in the dry-goods house of Siegel, Cooper & Co., of Chicago, is now in Denver, Colo.; the two youngest children are at home. They have all been given excellent educations, and occupy good positions in the community.

Mr. Bell was again married, September 17, 1885, this time to Mrs. Sally E. Valentine, who was born in Circleville, and was the daughter of Bentley Groce, who died in 1890. Mrs. Bell passed from this life in 1886, just six months after her marriage.

In politics, Mr. Bell is a Democrat. He was elected County Commissioner in the fall of 1887, and re-elected in the fall of 1890. His estate comprises the magnificent sum of eight hundred and ninety-one acres of land in Circleville, Walnut and Jackson Townships. A view of his home is shown on another page. His place is stocked with cattle, his favorite being Short-horns. His accumulations have been the result of his industry and good management, as he started out in life with but forty acres.

MONROE SCOTHORN. Occupying a high place among the pioneers of Pickaway County is the gentleman whose name we place at the head of this sketch. He is at present residing in Walnut Township, where he has a finely-improved farm and is living in the enjoyment of the fruits of his early toil. He is held in reverence by all who know him and his name will be long remembered when earth shall know him no more.

Monroe Scothorn was born March 20, 1830, in Walnut Township, and is the son of Joseph and Hannah (Crum) Scothorn, natives of Virginia. The paternal ancestors of our subject were of Scotch birth, while those on the maternal side are said to have been German. Joseph Scothorn was born March 4, 1796, and was nine years of age when his parents emigrated to Ohio, locating in the eastern portion of Walnut Township. There the elder Mr. Scothorn died, and Joseph made permanent settlement on a portion of the farm which is the property of his son, our subject. It was then in a wild state, but Mr. Scothorn set himself industriously to work to prepare a home for his family and clear and cultivate his land. He endured all the hardships known to that early day, and has watched the gradual evolution from the original wild state of the land into its present prosperous condition.

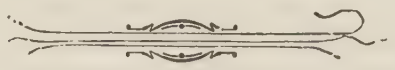
Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scothorn, of whom we name the following: Elizabeth became the wife of Jackson Hoover; Monroe, Frank A. and Thornton. In the death of Mr. Scothorn, Pickaway County lost one of its progressive, successful and wide-awake citizens. The original of this sketch was reared to man's estate in the neighborhood where he is at present residing, and with which all his early associations are

connected. The hardships which they were called upon to pass through in their early settlement here have made a lasting impression upon his mind.

Monroe Scothorn has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, and that his persistent industry and good judgment have been rewarded is assured by a view of the beautiful farm on section 8. His education, like that of most of the pioneer youths, was limited, he being permitted to attend the house of learning only a few months during the winter.

February 12, 1852, he of whom we write and Miss Margaret Morrison were united in marriage. Mrs. Scothorn was born in Lancaster County, Pa., April 23, 1833, and was the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Crawson) Morrison. She accompanied her parents on their removal to Fairfield County, this State, being at that time only three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison resided in the above-named place for several years and then came to Walnut Township, this county, where they were numbered among the early residents, and where they passed their last days. They were the parents of a family of nine children, only five of whom survive, viz: Mrs. Scothorn; James; Rachel, Mrs. Wilson Newton; George and Samuel. Mr. Morrison was Justice of the Peace in his community, and was otherwise warmly interested in all township affairs.

To our subject and his estimable wife have been born six children, all of whom, with one exception, are living, namely: Ollie, Mrs. P. E. Hoover; George; Emma, the wife of J. L. Hoover; Lida C., who married C. F. Brinker, and Ira M. Mr. Scothorn is the possessor of an estate which includes one hundred and forty-nine acres of valuable land. His progressiveness and enterprise have led him to place that entire amount under good cultivation, which not only makes a beautiful spot in the landscape of Walnut Township, but is the source of a handsome income to its owner. He is practically self-made, as his accumulations are the result of his good judgment and industry. With his wife, he is a member in good standing of the United Brethren Church, in which body he is an active worker. In politics, Mr. Scothorn votes the Democratic ticket, and is in favor of all measures tending to upbuild and benefit his community. For eighteen years he held the responsible office of Justice of the Peace, and for three years was Township Treasurer and Township Trustee for a period of two years. He is now in advanced years and is passing his last days surrounded by his children and friends, enjoying the confidence of all who know him.



OTHO W. LOOFBOURROW is one of the most active members of the farming community of Madison County and, by his progressive spirit, has succeeded in placing his farm in Pleasant Township under excellent cultivation. In addition to raising cereals, he gives considerable time and attention to grazing stock, from which branch of agriculture he reaps a handsome income. His estate is located one mile south of Mt. Sterling, in which place he was born August 30, 1844.

Our subject is the son of James and Jane (Gregory) Loofbourrow, the grandson of Thomas, great-grandson of John Wade Loofbourrow, and great-great-grandson of Wade Loofbourrow, who emigrated from Scotland to America and settled near Amboy, N. J. The date of emigration we are unable to ascertain. His descendants removed from Amboy to Virginia about 1797, and from that State to Ohio in 1803. Our subject lost both parents, also one sister and brother, by cholera in July, 1852, and afterward made his home with Mrs. Elizabeth Williams until he was fourteen years of age, when he went to the home of M. M. Thomas, his uncle and guardian.

When eighteen years old, Mr. Loofbourrow enlisted as a private in Company G, One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Infantry. He participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Wilson's Creek, Bentonville, and was with Gen. Sherman on his memorable march to the sea. After taking part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., he returned home in July, 1865, and on November 19th of the same year was

married to Miss Malvina Loofbourrow. This lady was born in Madison County, July 13, 1843, and is the daughter of L. P. and Elizabeth (Graham) Loofbourrow.

In addition to the farm above mentioned, Mr. Loofbourrow is the proprietor of a good tract of land in Fayette County, and one two miles northwest of Mt. Sterling. He has been the architect of his own fortune and enjoys an extended reputation as an able financier. He was elected County Commissioner in 1889, and has been active in protecting the interests of the people in the building of the court house, jail and sheriff's residence.

Three children comprise the family of Mr. and Mrs. Loofbourrow: Rena Helen, who was born in Mt. Sterling, September 24, 1866, is a graduate of the Mt. Sterling schools and also attended the colleges at Oberlin and Lebanon. October 7, 1890, she was married to Harry Fitzgerald and is the mother of one son, Lisle H. Milton Floyd was born in Fayette County, April 17, 1872, and was graduated from the Mt. Sterling schools in 1891. Two years before receiving his diploma he was engaged in the bank at Mt. Sterling and is now studying civil engineering at the Ohio State University at Columbus. Bessie was born in Fayette County, September 9, 1873, and was graduated in 1892 from the Mt. Sterling schools.

GEORGE SPINDLER, a native-born citizen of Pickaway County, is one of the leading farmers of Walnut Township, where he has a good farm pleasantly located on section 10. Our subject was born in Harrison Township January 30, 1845, and is a son of John M. and Mary A. (Cummins) Spindler. His father was for many years, until his death, a prominent and greatly honored citizen of this county. He was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1818, and was a son of Mathias and Elizabeth Spindler, who were of German origin, and with whom he came to Ohio when he was a young man. The family settled in Franklin County, where he remained a short time, and then entered the teacher's profession, for he was well educated, and he was engaged at that several terms, teaching mostly in Pickaway County. He subsequently owned and operated a sawmill and a gristmill on Walnut Creek, on section 5, Walnut Township, where his widow still resides. He was an active figure in local public life, and was one of the leaders among the Republicans. Although the majority of his fellow-townsmen did not agree with him in politics, they honored him as a man, and occasionally showed their confidence in him by electing him to some important office. He served as Justice of the Peace upwards of twenty years, and he also was Trustee of Walnut Township at one time. He was once brought forward as candidate for Representative, but being on the Republican ticket, he was defeated on account of his Republicanism. He was public-spirited and progressive, and earnestly in favor of whatever would elevate society or advance the interests of the county. He was identified with the Grange as an intelligent member, and he was a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he held the office of Trustee for several years. In his death, September 9, 1880, the community suffered a severe loss.

The mother of our subject was born in Harrison Township, in 1821, and is a daughter of William and Mary Cummins, early settlers of that township. She is the mother of eleven children, of whom seven are living, namely: George, John W.; Mary J., wife of William Hummel; Ann E.; Emma, wife of George C. Morrison; Elizabeth, wife of C. S. Perry, and Lucy. John W., who is a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, is Superintendent of the Public Schools at Winfield, Kan.

George Spindler has passed the most of his life in Pickaway County, the family removing to Walnut Township when he was very young. His early education was obtained in the district school, and at the age of sixteen he entered Wesleyan University at Delaware. He was a close student in that institution one year, winning a good reputation for scholarship, and then the breaking out of the war caused a change in his plans, and he was obliged to give up his studies. In the summer of 1864, he enlisted in the one hundred days' service

as a member of Company C, One hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry, and did guard duty, principally with the Army of the Potomac, and was at the front about four months. His military career is commemorated by his connection with the Parsons' Post No. 670, G. A. R., at Nebraska, Ohio, as one of its prominent members, he holding the position of Quartermaster.

After leaving the army, our subject turned his attention to teaching, and won local distinction as an educator of no mean ability. He taught his first school in the winter of 1864-65, and taught continuously every winter until 1872, and one winter after that. He had a predilection for agricultural pursuits, and has since devoted himself to farming, doing a good business as a general farmer, and having an excellent farm of one hundred acres of land, which is well cultivated, and the improvements are of a good class. Mr. Spindler stands high in social and religious circles, and in him the Republican party of this section finds one of its most devoted adherents. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he served as Trustee, and he has done much for the welfare of the church.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Alice A. Culp was celebrated May 11, 1869, and has been productive of mutual felicity. Among its blessings are the five children that have been born to them, to whom they have given these names: Charles E., Della, Mamie S., Emma A. and John L. Mrs. Spindler is a native of Walnut Township, and a daughter of Lewis and Sophronia Culp.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, a highly respected farmer residing in Range Township, Madison County, Ohio, was born in Ross County, this State, February 8, 1815, and is a son of Batteal and Elizabeth (Scott) Harrison. Our subject is a distant relative of President Harrison. His grandfather, Benjamin Harrison, served in the Revolutionary War, and his father was a soldier in the War of 1812, under William Henry Harrison. He was born about 1780, and when he was a young lad his parents moved from Virginia to Kentucky, but he remained with an uncle on account of the Indians in the locality to which his father went. In 1797, he accompanied his uncle's family to Belmont County, Ohio, where he was reared. At one time he went to join his father, who had removed to Missouri, but hearing that his mother was dead gave up the trip. He then joined the army, as before stated, and served as recruiting officer at Chillicothe, Ohio. During that time he was married, February 3, 1814, to Elizabeth Scott. During a portion of that time, he was Captain and commanded a company. Our subject was the eldest of their six children, all of whom grew to mature years, and had families, while three are still living. Two sons, Matthew Scott and John Joseph, served in the War of the Rebellion. The latter was taken a prisoner and died in Georgia. Matthew was a Captain, and after the war removed to Saline County, Mo., where he died.

Benjamin Harrison was taken by his parents to Fayette County when less than a year old. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and has since given his attention to farming and stock-raising. As a companion and helpmate on life's journey, he chose Miss Martha M. Reeves, of Range Township. She was born October 30, 1815, and is a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Howsman) Reeves, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Virginia. The union of our subject and his wife was celebrated March 9, 1837, and unto them have been born five children, four yet living: Mary E., born April 12, 1838, is the wife of S. W. Brown, of Fayette County, by whom she has two children; Batteal, born November 6, 1839, was married and died January 19, 1890, leaving five children; Angeline, born October 30, 1841, is the wife of M. L. Yates, a farmer of Range Township, and they have eight children; Isabel, born March 5, 1847, is the wife of Hon. Joseph Martin, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Winnie Scott, born May 12, 1850, is the wife of S. H. Farrar, of Holden, Johnson County, Mo., by whom she has four children.

Mr. Harrison made his first purchase of land in 1843, a tract on Deer Creek, Madison Township,

Fayette County, where he resided some thirteen years. In 1850, he removed to Paint Township, where he resided five years, and since that time has made his home upon his present farm, purchasing seven hundred acres of land. He is one of the extensive land-owners of the county, his possessions aggregating fifteen hundred acres, all in one body and situated in Madison and Fayette Counties. By his own efforts, his success has been achieved, and from a humble position he has worked his way upward to one of affluence.

In 1836, Mr. Harrison cast his first vote for the Tippecanoe hero, and four years later again voted for him. In 1856, he supported Fillmore, and in 1860 voted for Bell and Everett. He has since followed the fortunes of the Democratic party, and has served as Township Trustee, was twice County Commissioner, and in 1870 was Land Appraiser.

DARIUS J. BURNHAM, a native of Madison County, is one of its foremost citizens, possessing more than ordinary energy, enterprise, business talent and public spirit. He is not only one of the most extensive farmers and stockmen of the county, but he is one of its leading civic officers, holding various important public positions, and he is widely and favorably known. His home is one mile south of Rosedale, in Pike Township, on his large and finely appointed farm, where he carries on a big business in raising various kinds of stock.

Mr. Burnham was born in the township where he still lives April 3, 1848. His father, John H. Burnham, is a native of Connecticut, and a son of Darius and Lucretia (Hunt) Burnham, who left their New England home when he was about two years old, and came to this county to found a new one in the wilderness. After attaining manhood, he was married, in Pike Township, to Miss Scelina Fullington, who was born in this township, of which her parents were early settlers. After marriage, the Burnhams located on an undeveloped tract of land, which he improved into a fine farm; first erecting a log house for the shelter of himself and his bride, and afterward replacing it by a substantial frame residence. He became one of the largest land-holders in the county, owning at one time twelve hundred acres in Pike Township. He now lives in retirement at Mechanicsburgh, where he is serenely passing his declining years in the enjoyment of the wealth that is the fruit of his early labors. The amiable wife who walked by his side many years, encouraging him in his work and performing her part as a true helpmate, departed this life in 1889. Unto them were born eight children, six sons and two daughters, who grew to manhood and womanhood, and seven of whom are still living.

Our subject is the third child and third son of his parents. He obtained the preliminaries of his education in the schools of Monroe Township, and finished his studies at the University of Delaware. He remained at home until he was twenty-one, and for a time was engaged in business with his father, trading and dealing in stock, and farming. October 4, 1876, he was wedded to Miss Mattie L., the eldest daughter of Henry and Eveline Burnham, of Pike Township, and her unselfish devotion to his interests has contributed not a little to his success in life and to his welfare generally.

After marriage, Mr. Burnham at once established himself and his wife on the pleasant location, six miles east of Mechanicsburgh, where they have ever since made their home. His farm of nine hundred and fifty acres of choice land, all lying in Pike Township, is considered one of the best in all Madison County. The most of the improvements have been made by himself, and are first-class. The land is well drained, as he has put in about twenty-eight miles of tile within the last fifteen years, and is continually adding more. He is one of the most successful and largest stock farmers in the county, and feeds now about one hundred and fifty bushels of corn to his stock a day. He has fifteen hundred sheep, two hundred head of two-year-old cattle, two hundred hogs, and thirty fine horse His farm is supplied with a fine set of buildings, including a handsome residence, erected in 1877, and five neat dwellings for his work people,

who, with their families, number twenty-five. Mr. Burnham also does a flourishing business in baling and shipping hay to various markets.

Although his own private interests are so extensive and varied, our subject has had much to do with the administration of public affairs, and the same thoroughness, forethought, tact and able business management have been noticable features in the discharge of his civic duties that have ever characterized his course in looking after his own concerns. He is President of the Central Ohio Fair Association, which comprises Fayette, Union, Madison and Clarke Counties. He is now, and has been for many years, Trustee of Pike Township, and no man has done more personally for its advancement than he. He is one of the Directors of the Central Bank of Mechanicsburgh, of which he is also a stockholder. In politics, he is an uncompromising Republican.

JOSEPH S. SMITH. In this popular resident of Circleville Township, Pickaway County, we have the largest breeder of standard-bred horses in the county, and one of the largest in the Scioto Valley. He is a native of Circleville and was born June 10, 1861. His father, Edward Smith, is mentioned elsewhere at length in this volume. After attending the public schools of his native home, young Smith entered, in 1877, the Notre Dame University at South Bend, Ind., where he passed nearly four years, pursuing a scientific course, and also completing his studies in the commercial line.

After returning from college, the young man devoted himself to farming for some time, and after coming into possession of his present fine stock farm made his home east of and adjoining the corporation line of Circleville. His one hundred and sixty-five acres of land are situated on the borders of the famous Pickaway Plains and are watered by the stream known as Hominy Creek. The soil is a rich, sandy loam and is one of the best in the rich Scioto Valley. The care bestowed upon it keeps it up to the highest standards of that locality, which has so fair a reputation in agriculture and stock-raising.

In 1890, Mr. Smith erected one of the most beautiful and commodious farm residences in the county, which he fitted up with all modern conveniences. His barn is of unique construction, being built seventy-two feet in diameter, with sixteen sides. In this can be stored fully one hundred tons of hay and straw, and it provides for the accommodation of a large number of horses. Nothing has been left undone to make this stock-farm a suitable home for the noble strains of horses which belong to Mr. Smith's stud. The most noted of his animals are "Montjoy," "Winmont," "Col. Wilkes," and "Placidus," and their pedigree is such as to make their owner justly proud.

The grounds about the residence of this prosperous man are handsomely laid out, and are to be shaded by elegant young maple, elm, and horse-chestnut trees. A half-mile regulation race track is kept in elegant shape, and there the speed of the young animals is developed. He does his own training, and gets all the speed out of the animal that horse nature and good breeding have endowed him with. A specialty is made of breaking colts to harness, and plentiful accommodations are furnished for the animals of other breeders during the season.

The famous "Montjoy," who is registered as No. 13,003, stands at the head of the "Sunnyside" stock farm. He is a bay horse, and was foaled May 15, 1887, his sire being "Gen. Withers" and his dam "Alice Medium." Like all of the horses upon this farm, "Montjoy" is of the Hambletonian strain, and Mr. Smith is the proud possessor of about fifty of these excellent standard-bred animals, counting horses and colts. From his earliest boyhood, he has evinced an inborn love of and appreciation for a fine horse, and he has shown exceptional ability in their care and breeding.

Other branches of business have not been overlooked by this enterprising young man, as he is a stockholder in the Circleville Electric Light and Power Company, of which corporation he is also a Director and Vice-president. In 1888, he es-

tablished the Esmeralda Cornmeal Mills, which are now owned and operated by the firm of J. S. Smith & Brothers, a firm of which he is the senior member. These mills have a capacity of two hundred and fifty barrels per day, and their entire product is shipped to foreign countries. In his political views, our subject is a Democrat, but is not an aspirant for office, and no more active in public affairs than is always becoming in a man who takes a genuine interest in the prosperity of his home and State. Mr. Smith was married in Corning, Ohio, January 2, 1890, to Miss Mary Corcoran, who is a native of Frostburgh, Md., and a daughter of Thomas Corcoran, who was for some years Superintendent of the Sunday Creek Coal Company, and is now Superintendent of the H. D. Turney & Co. Mining Company, of Shawnee. This gentleman is an expert miner, and thoroughly understands prospecting for coal. He educated his daughter at the St. Mary's Academy at Columbus, Ohio. This young couple are the happy parents of one daughter, Mary, whom they are bringing up in the faith of their fathers, that of the Roman Catholic Church, both being members of St. Joseph's Church at Circleville. Few men are doing more for the development of Pickaway County than Joseph S. Smith, and he is keeping pace with the older and better known stock farmers in developing the American trotter.

THOMAS C. TIPTON, M. D., of Williamsport, Deer Creek Township, Pickaway County. This worthy gentleman is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Tomlinson) Tipton, and was born at Pleasant Ridge farm near Harrisburg Township, Franklin County, Ohio, September 10, 1827. He attended the neighborhood schools until his education had reached a point when he desired something better, and in 1844 he went to Delaware and attended the Ohio Wesleyan University. He was obliged to pay his own way, which he did by teaching school during his vacations, and thus was enabled to attend college five years. Applying himself closely to study, he acquired a good, thorough, general education. But he had an ambition beyond this and a desire to lead a professional life.

Disadvantages were again in the way of our young student, but he overcame them. He was unable to take, as he desired, a course in some medical college, but while teaching he devoted his spare time to reading and studying in his brother's office in Darbyville. He continued in this way for several years, and at length was enabled to go to Columbus, where he had enlarged opportunities. He studied for a time under Dr. R. L. Howard, and entered the Starling Medical College, where he was graduated with high honors February 22, 1852.

After his graduation, Dr. Tipton went to Darbyville, and entered into practice as a partner of his brother. Some time after this, he removed to Williamsport, and has established himself in a lucrative practice, and has made his home here ever since, with the exception of the time he was in the war and three years thereafter.

In 1862, Dr. Tipton entered the army as Assistant Surgeon of the One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Regiment and remained in that capacity until the close of the war. At its close, he resolved to try his future professional duties in Franklin County, but after a residence there of three years, returned to Williamsport. Dr. Tipton, as a man and a physician, is held in the highest esteem by his fellow-citizens of the village and neighborhood. He is not, nor ever has been, a politician or office-seeker, but takes considerable interest in all worthy political movements. His vote is cast for the success of the Republican party. In religion, he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he has been a number of years one of the Stewards of his church at Williamsport. The Doctor is a strict temperance man in his habits, and has never tasted liquor and seldom prescribes it.

The subject of this sketch was married to Marinda, a daughter of Horace and Jeanette (Wright) Loomis, and a native of Central College, Franklin County, Ohio, where she was born March 7, 1833. Three children have been born to this worthy couple: Lizzie, born December 16, 1855, died September 22, 1867; Alice, born in November, 1857; and Thomas, October 24, 1869.

B. F. Reinick

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN RENICK. The agricultural element forms the backbone to every community, for upon its character and work depends the real development of the resources of that section of the country; and if enterprise, industry and integrity are lacking, the whole body corporate will be lacking in vitality, strength and success.

Among the prominent farmers of Darby Township, Pickaway County, we find Mr. Renick, a portrait of whom appears on the opposite page. This county is his native home, as he was born in Jackson Township, December 5, 1808. He was reared on the home farm, which at that early day was located in a wilderness, and encountered the many difficulties of frontier life. Indians were numerous, as were also wild animals, and the hardships which the family passed through have made a lasting impression upon his mind. He remembers distinctly the time two Indians came to their home and begged buttermilk, and on another occasion when two of them were found stealing corn, and he and a brother reminding them of their crime, one of them drew a large knife and pursued them.

Benjamin F. Renick was educated, as were many of the pioneer lads, in the little old log schoolhouse, with its open fire-place in one end and slab seats and desks. It was conducted on the subscription plan, and the teacher boarded around among the pupils. Young Renick had to walk two miles through the woods in attending this temple of learning, which luxury was afforded him during the winter months only, as his services were needed upon the farm in the summer. He was often sent to mill on horseback, and performed many similar duties. The family were not provided with many of the luxuries such as are common to the farmers of the present day, their main food consisting of mush and milk and corn bread, but little wheat being ground at that time. When a lad, our subject took a load of wheat, with a four-horse team, to Gallipolis, seventy-five miles distant, and traded one bushel of that cereal for an equal amount of salt. The remainder of his load he disposed of at fifty cents per bushel. Money being very scarce, his mother would provide him with a luncheon which would last one week—the time required for the trip.

When seventeen years of age, Mr. Renick engaged to drive one hundred head of cattle to Alexandria, near Washington, D. C., being forty days making the journey. He later made many trips to the Eastern markets on the same errand, and often went to Illinois and drove cattle to this State. When reaching his majority, our subject's father told himself and brother John that he would give them all they could raise on two hundred acres of land which he owned near Darbyville. It is unnecessary to state that they willingly accepted the offer, and continued so employed for the succeeding ten years, in which undertaking they were more than ordinarily successful, during that time handling considerable stock. Mr. Renick fed and drove to New York the first corn-fed fat cattle ever driven from Illinois.

In the fall of 1837, Mr. Renick purchased his present property, which consisted of twelve hundred acres of land, almost all of which was in timber and brush, with occasional skirts of prairie. He made his home for several years in a hewed-log house, and when that was destroyed by fire, erected his present beautiful frame residence, which is furnished in a most tasty and comfortable manner. He had dealt very largely in stock, but meeting with reverses in fortune, was compelled to sell some of his property. His specialties in stock-raising were cattle, hogs, and sheep, having as many as one thousand head of the latter animals at one time.

In the fall of 1840, Miss Sarah Williams became the wife of our subject, and to them were granted a family of four children, namely: Milton, Vincent, Mary, and Cynthia. They all grew to mature years, and are now deceased. Mrs. Renick died when about thirty-five years of age, and in 1855 our subject was married to Mary Taylor, who was born in Madison County, this State. Of that union were born the following children, all of whom are living, and named respectively: Sarah (Mrs. Dr. Kirkendall), Seymour, Amanda (Mrs. Carpenter), Job R., Jennie, at home, B. Franklin and Warner.

Mr. Renick is the possessor of two hundred acres of land, which his industry has placed under excellent cultivation, drained and fenced. The es-

tate is managed by his son Job, although he gives his personal supervision to its improvement. He watched with great interest the gradual evolution of this section from its primitive wildness into cultivated fields and prosperous farms, and has done his full share in bringing about the transformation, having lived in Pickaway County for eighty-four years. He is widely and favorably known throughout its limits, and his friends are as numerous as his acquaintances.

Religiously, our subject is a member of the Presbyterian Church. His views in political affairs lead him to cast his vote with the Republican party. He keeps thoroughly informed upon current events of interest, and is well-read and intelligent. Notwithstanding the fact that this county has about one thousand Democratic majority, he was elected County Commissioner one term, and has served many years as Township Trustee and Treasurer. He took a very active part in the political campaign of 1840, at which time hundreds of horsemen attended the meetings. He has contributed liberally of his means for the development of his community, and is looked upon as one of the progressive and popular residents of the county.

CHARLES H. MURRAY. There is no one feature that tends so much to give a city a reputation for progress as the facilities afforded both residents and visitors for transacting business and thus adding pleasure to convenience. Prominent among the establishments of Washington Court House may be mentioned that owned and managed by Mr. Murray, and located at No. 228 East Court Street. The dimensions of the building are 110x22 feet, the first floor being stocked with a complete line of furniture, while the second story contains a well-selected stock of carpets. In addition to furniture and carpets, Mr. Murray carries on an undertaking business, for which he has excellent facilities in his establishment.

Mr. Murray was born in Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio, June 5, 1853, the son of Samuel C. and Emma (Allen) Murray. His father was born in Ross County, three miles from the village of Greenfield, of which Grandfather Murray was a pioneer. He was a prominent citizen of the place, and there engaged in the harness and saddlery business for many years. He and his wife reared a large family of children, concerning whom the following is recorded: Frank was a resident of Washington Court House for twenty years, but died at Topeka, Kan., in 1885; Owen, formerly a resident of Washington Court House, is deceased; Carrie married Fay Baldwin, who is Cashier of the Highland County Bank; Russell is engaged in business as an undertaker at Frankfort, Ross County; Samuel, who for fifteen years was a druggist at Washington Court House, now resides in Kentucky, sixty miles south of Cincinnati. Fannie is at Greenfield, and Harry resides in Cincinnati. The father and mother still survive and are esteemed throughout the community where they have spent their entire lives. They are faithfully devoted to the welfare of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which they are members.

An attendant for some years at the public schools of Greenfield, our subject has gained his education, however, principally through close observation and experience. After serving an apprenticeship of three years at the carriage-making trade, and later learning the cabinet-maker's trade in Greenfield, he engaged in business at Bainbridge, and was also for a time in the employ of Stewart & Meek, of Washington Court House. For six years, he carried on a successful business as an undertaker and dealer in furniture at Bainbridge, after which he sold out and opened a store at Washington Court House in 1884. It was not long until he had built up a successful business in the furniture and undertaking line, to which, in January, 1890, he added a carpet department. He has purchased the substantial brick building occupied by his store and expects soon to put in a fine glass front and make other improvements.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Murray has no time to devote to public offices, although qualified to discharge official duties with credit to himself. In his social connections, he is identified

with Temple Lodge and Fayette Encampment, I. O. O. F., and the Knights of Pythias. The lady who became the wife of our subject May 10, 1880, and who has since been his cheerful and devoted helpmate, bore the maiden name of Sina V. Logan, and was born at Washington Court House in March, 1858. Her father, Capt. Wilson Logan, was killed during active service in the late war, and her mother, who is a daughter of Judge Joel Bearman, still resides in Washington Court House. Mrs. Murray is an accomplished lady and is especially proficient in music, having been a student in the Conservatory of Music at Cincinnati. In their religious preference, Mr. and Mrs. Murray are attendants at and supporters of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are generous contributors to all charitable measures. They are the parents of two sons, Shepherd and Fay.

S. C. HELMICK, M. D. Among the prominent citizens of Commercial Point, Pickaway County, we find the name which appears at the head of this paragraph. He is well known throughout all this community, as, besides his professional labors, he carries on a drug store and is the Postmaster of the village. He acquired a more than local fame in the latter capacity last year, through the fact that he was presented with a gold watch by the management of the *Ohio State Journal*, of Columbus, on account of having secured for their weekly issue over one hundred subscribers at his post-office. He is a most zealous and enthusiastic Republican and a stanch adherent of his party.

Dr. Helmick was born in Zanesville, Ohio, June 4, 1848, and his father, William Helmick, was also a native of Ohio, while his grandfather, Isaac, was born in Pennsylvania, and came to this State at a very early date, locating in Franklin County. There he practiced his profession as a physician, and lived to a very advanced age. His son William was a keel-boat captain in early life, and took boats from Zanesville, Ohio, to New Orleans. He also served as Deputy Sheriff for a number of years, and lived to reach the age of seventy. He was an earnest Republican in his political views.

Rosanna Corbus was the maiden name of her who became the mother of our subject; she was a native of Maryland, who came with her parents, when only eighteen months old, to Zanesville when it consisted of only a few log cabins. Her eight children were Isaac, Elizabeth, James, Augusta, Rose A., Anna, Jane, and our subject. She lived to reach the age of eighty-one years, and was a member of the Presbyterian Church most of her life. Her father, W. Corbus, was a native of Maryland, and became a pioneer of Muskingum County, Ohio.

The village schools and Small's Commercial College, of Zanesville, supplied the educational advantages of our subject up to his nineteenth year. After graduating from the last-named institution, in February, 1869, he began to read medicine at Harrisburgh, Franklin County, under his uncle, Dr. Joseph Helmick, who gave his young relative the full benefit of his knowledge and experience. During the three years which he spent with his uncle, the young man also attended one course of lectures at the Starling Medical College of Columbus, and completed his course in the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati the winter following, 1872. He located at Baltimore, Fairfield County, this State, where his uncle, Dr. Luke Helmick, had just died after a successful practice of forty years, and here the young man continued for three years.

Upon the 10th of November, 1875, Dr. S. C. Helmick located in Commercial Point and has here carried on a general practice since that time. His drug store was opened in 1881, and during the same year he received the appointment of Postmaster from President Garfield. This office he has held continuously since, with the exception of four years of Cleveland's administration. The drug-store building was put up by him in 1881.

The Doctor was married June 4, 1873, to Margaret C. Chenoweth, who was born in Harrisburgh, Franklin County, Ohio, September 15, 1846, where her father, Elijah Chenoweth, Jr., was a farmer, and where he owned some twelve hundred acres of land. He died in Franklin County when about sixty-eight years of age. His father, Joseph H.

Chenoweth, was the first white child born in the Scioto Valley, and the family has been prominent in that region for many years. At one time they owned more than six thousand acres of rich land along Darby Creek.

Dr. and Mrs. Helmick have three children, Maynard, Arthur, and Sumner, all of whom are at home. The Doctor's extensive practice reaches over a large tract of country, and his reputation is most excellent in the profession. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, in which they are very active, and he is a live member of the Odd Fellows' lodge. He has been a Councilman and a member of the Board of Education for a number of years, and has held the offices of School Treasurer, and Trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As Vice-president of the Central Ohio Medical Association, and as delegate to both State and National Medical Associations, he has been prominent. He has contributed papers before these associations upon the Clinical Thermometer, and upon various other topics of professional interest.

JOHN FRY is an intelligent and progressive agriculturist, with a comprehensive knowledge of farming in all its branches, and he keeps his farm in Pickaway Township up to a high standard of cultivation, so that it compares favorably with the most productive in its vicinity. Although long a resident of Pickaway County, Mr. Fry is a native of Hocking County, born October 18, 1837, and he is a descendant of some of the original pioneer families of the State.

The father of our subject, who was also named John Fry, was born in Virginia, September 17, 1796. He came to Ohio at a very early day in its settlement, and located at Lancaster in Fairfield County, when that city had but one house within its borders. He had come there with his father, a Virginian, who bore the same name as himself, and was a soldier in the Revolution. He died near Lancaster. The father of our subject became one of the pioneer farmers of the State, and for several years carried on his occupation in Hocking County. In 1852, he came to Pickaway County and passed his remaining years in Pickaway Township, dying here April 29, 1870. He acquired a goodly amount of property while a resident of Hocking County, and was quite an extensive land-holder there. He was also prominent in public life in that section, and for many years held the office of Justice of the Peace, and was an active member of the Masonic fraternity. He was married December 25, 1822, to Miss Malinda Friend. She was born in Fairfield County, November 22, 1802, and was a daughter of a pioneer family who had come from Kentucky to Ohio in the early years of its settlement. She died April 30, 1878, and in her death the Methodist Episcopal Church lost one of its most faithful members.

Our subject was the seventh of the nine children of his parents, of whom five are still living. His early education was obtained with some difficulty, as school facilities were limited, and sometimes he had to go four miles from home to attend the nearest school, which was taught in a log house. He came to this county with his parents, and always made his home with them while they lived, caring for them tenderly in their declining years, and since their death he has continued to reside on the old homestead. It is a valuable, well-ordered farm of one hundred and thirty-four acres, pleasantly situated on section 10, Pickaway Township, and the headwaters of Pumpkin Creek flow across one corner of it. Mr. Fry is in easy circumstances, and makes good use of his money, getting some enjoyment out of life with it instead of hoarding it. He has broadened his mind, not only by reading and careful observation, but by traveling to some extent. In 1881, he went to Europe, partly for pleasure, and partly for the benefit of his health, which had become impaired by too close application to his business. He embarked at New York on a North German Lloyd steamer, bound for England, and he visited London, Liverpool and other points of interest, making good use of every minute of the two months that he was away, and experiencing great pleasure and profit from his trip.

Mr. Fry was happily married October 26, 1879, to Miss Ida M. Cook, a native of Bloomfield, this county. When she was a child, her parents, Amos and Elizabeth (Nigh) Cook, removed to Circleville, where she was educated. Her father was the son of a Pennsylvania farmer, and was born and reared in that State. Her mother was the daughter of early pioneers of Ohio, and her father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and lost his life during that conflict. The greatest grief in the wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. Fry has been in the death of their little son John, who was born July 12, 1881, and passed out of life two months later.

GEORGE J. MAY is numbered among the intelligent and thrifty farmers of Pickaway County, of which his father was a pioneer, and he has a well-managed and highly productive farm on section 21, Walnut Township. He is a native of Frederick County, Md., and was born June 1, 1832, a son of John A. and Magdalena (Rohrer) May. His father was a native of Loudoun County, Va., and was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812. His ancestors are said to have originated in France, while his wife's were Germans, and early settlers of Maryland, where she was born. In 1836, John May brought his family from Maryland to Ohio, and cast in his lot with the pioneers of Pickaway County, settling in Walnut Township, and proving a valuable addition to their working force. He did well his part in redeeming the country from the forces of nature, and when he died, April 5, 1887, he left behind him a golden memory as a good citizen. He was father of a number of children, of whom these five are living: Christian, John J., Frederick, George J., and Melinda, wife of Solomon Burget.

Our subject was a small boy of four years when his parents sought a new home in the wilds of this county, and his boyhood was passed in a log cabin amid the privations of pioneer life. He attended the early schools of Walnut, but the educational advantages in those pioneer institutions of learning were meagre. He was early inured to hard work, having to perform the pioneer labor of felling trees to clear the land and prepare it for cultivation, and the experience he then gained in farming has been helpful to him since he became a farmer on his own responsibility. He has control of one hundred and sixty-four acres of excellent land, of which seventy-six acres belong to himself, and the remainder to his wife. He is a prudent and capable manager, and keeps his farm up to a high state of cultivation, and has it amply supplied with a good class of improvements. He and his wife stand high in social circles, and are among the most prominent members of the United Brethren Church, which he at one time served as Class-leader, and he is now Trustee of the church. In politics, he is a straight Republican, and whatsoever will benefit the county meets with his hearty approval.

March 21, 1858, is the date of the marriage of our subject with Miss Mary Heim, a native of Pickaway County, born July 31, 1840, and a daughter of John and Susanna Heim. Her parents were early settlers of Walnut Township. They had three children, of whom she and her brother William are the survivors. Her marriage with our subject has been productive of mutual happiness and has been blessed with six children, named as follows: William, John L. (Postmaster at East Ringgold), Nelson H., Milton F., Calvin M. and Lyman.

GEORGE W. PATTON. Among the prominent and enterprising citizens of Washington Court House, none is more worthy of note than he whom we here name, who occupies the responsible position of Sheriff of Fayette County. He was elected to that position in 1888 and so efficiently did he perform the duties imposed upon him that he was re-elected in 1890. He is a genial and friendly gentleman and exhibits rare ability in his special department.

The original of this sketch was born in Greene Township, Fayette County, January 7, 1840, and is the son of Arthur and Elizabeth (Wood) Patton.

The father in early life was a farmer in Virginia and became identified with the interests of the Buckeye State in 1832. Our subject was given a good education in the common schools, and his father dying when he was a lad of ten years, he remained at home with his mother until his marriage, after which she lived with him until her decease.

George W. of this sketch operated the old farm in Greene Township, which contained two hundred and fifty well-improved acres. He had not been interested in politics previous to his election to the office of Sheriff until being made the incumbent of that position. January 7, 1889, he moved into the city, which has since been his home and where his friends are as numerous as his acquaintances.

The lady whom our subject chose as his wife October 4, 1861, was Miss Mary D. Rowe, of Greene Township, this county, her birth occurring March 2, 1845. To them have been born a family of five children, viz: Elmer E., who is now the Deputy of his father; Minnie A., the wife of M. S. Merchant, of Dayton, this State; M. J., Zella V. and Ollie, at home with their parents. In social matters, our subject is a member of Fayette Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

JOSEPH BELL. This name is not unknown to the people of Madison County, as he who bears it was born in Fairfield Township April 31, 1831. Although receiving only a common-school education, his natural mental ability caused him to advance in whatever field of labor he entered. He has held the office of Trustee of his township for three or four terms, was Assessor two terms, Clerk for one year, and was elected Justice of the Peace but refused to qualify. He has represented the Democratic party as delegate to various conventions and has always been closely identified with the progress of the county.

Our subject is at present engaged in farming and stock-raising in Oak Run Township, and is the son of James D. and Elizabeth (Dewey) Bell. The father was a native of Virginia, having been born near Richmond, and was brought to this State by his father, William Bell, who located in Ross County, where he resided for ten or twelve years and then made his home in Madison County, in what is now Oak Run Township. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and while residing in Ross County was married to Miss Dewey, who was born near Carlisle, Pa., and accompanied her parents on their removal to the Buckeye State when a child. The elder Mr. Bell was a farmer, and, like his father before him, voted the Democratic ticket. He was born October 6, 1802, while the mother of our subject was born June 15, 1804. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was active in all the workings of that body.

Joseph Bell, of this sketch, was the third in order of birth in a family of seven children. His eldest brother, William, is residing in Marshall County, Kan.; Jane A. married George Clouser and makes her home in Greenfield, this State; Benjamin is a contractor and builder of Columbus; Ann J. became Mrs. Leven Trout and lives in Sullivan County, Ind.; George resides at Sabina, this State, and while serving in the Union army lost one leg; James is residing in Allendale, this State. The parents of these children died in 1843, the father passing away January 1, and the mother two months later.

Our subject was eleven years old at the time of the the death of his parents and was then taken into the home of an uncle with whom he remained for five years, and then began to work for himself. When reaching his majority, he was the possessor of a horse and $100 in money. September 23, 1852, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Amos, who was born in London, January 18, 1833, to Robert C. and Mary (Wilson) Amos. The young couple resided for a year with the parents of Mrs. Bell, when our subject erected a log cabin, in which they resided for a time, and then, returning to the home of Mr. Amos, our subject worked his farm in partnership for three years. At the end of that time, he again located on his own property and there resided until the death of Mr. Amos, when they took up their abode on their present farm. Margaret, Mrs. Bell's

only sister, married our subject's brother William and resides in Kansas. Mr. Amos was born in Maryland September 22, 1801, and died July 12, 1859, while Mrs. Amos, who was born in Virginia, July 28, 1810, departed this life September 19, 1844. The present farm of our subject, which includes two hundred and thirty-five acres, was inherited by his wife from her father.

The following-named eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bell: Wesley H., who died October 2, 1860; Mary E., who became the wife of R. N. Mowry, departed this life October 4, 1885, leaving one son, Joseph B., who was born September 12, 1885, and now resides with our subject; Emma J., who died March 22, 1866; Eva Ann, who married A. L. Fitzgerald, has one son, Freddie; Minnie F., who is the next in order of birth, is now Mrs. W. E. Talor; Sallie M. departed this life May 2, 1876; James F., who is successfully engaged as a school teacher, and Lee Amos, who is at home with his parents.

J. M. BALDWIN. A beautiful farm of three hundred and twenty acres, pleasantly located in Madison Township, Fayette County, three miles from Cook, is the home of this well-known farmer and stock-raiser. He was born on this place August 20, 1815, the land having formerly been owned by his grandfather, Capt. John Baldwin, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and a native of Virginia. While residing there and during those troublous times, he raised a company, pledging his own means for their pay. He served through the entire war under Washington, receiving his pay in Continental money and a land warrant. The money being valueless, Capt. Baldwin was obliged to sell his possessions in the Old Dominion in order to keep his promise to the soldiers. Thus left without resources, he came to Ohio and located in Fayette County, where he was obliged to part with half of his land in order to get his warrant placed. His advent into the county was made in the spring of 1812, and the succeeding fall he was followed by his large family of fourteen children. Capt. Baldwin departed this life in 1820, his remains being buried on the ground laid off by himself on the farm which our subject occupies.

Jonah Baldwin, the direct progenitor of our subject, was born in 1773, and is the twin brother of William. He grew to mature years in Virginia, and was there married, in 1803, to Mary Bland, by whom he became the father of eight children, viz: John, Catherine, Hannah, Margaret, J. M., Joseph, Susan and Nancy. The children were all given a good education, the sons aiding their father in clearing and improving the home farm. Mr. Jonah Baldwin served his fellow-townsmen as Constable, and his eldest son held the office of Justice of the Peace for a number of terms.

The father of our subject, who was born March 7, 1773, died September 13, 1850, while his wife, who was born August 19, 1783, departed this life October 16, 1886. Mr. Baldwin of this sketch is the proprietor of two hundred and forty acres of land in Adams County, Ind., and has purchased the interest of all the heirs of the old homestead, with the exception of his sister Margaret's share. Like his father and grandfather before him, he is a Democrat in politics, and during his incumbency of the office of Constable he performed the duties of that position in a most satisfactory manner.

FRANK L. STUTSON. The most popular and extensive mercantile establishment in Washington Court House is located on Main Street, opposite the Court House, and is under the able management of the owner and proprietor, the subject of this sketch. The building, which has a frontage of eighty-five feet and a depth of one hundred and sixty-five feet, is furnished with a complete stock of dry goods, the specialties being fine dress-goods, trimmings, ladies', misses' and children's shoes, millinery and ladies' cloaks. Employment is given to eighteen persons, and cash carriers and all modern improvements for facilitating the work have been introduced. The store has occupied its present location for ten

years and is known for miles around as one of the most reliable establishments in Southern Ohio.

Mr. Stutson was born in West Jefferson, Madison County, Ohio, January 29, 1851, the son of James and Mary J. (Wilson) Stutson. His father, who was born and reared in Massachusetts, came to Zanesville, Ohio, when a young man, and there engaged in the mercantile business, being at one time the leading merchant in the city. About 1841, he came to Madison County, where he resided until his death.

Our subject received a good education in his native place, and in his boyhood clerked for his brother, T. J., then a merchant of West Jefferson, but now President of the Central Bank of London. Our subject remained with him until he attained his majority, when he embarked with another brother in the dry-goods business at Lancaster, remaining in that connection for some years. In 1881, they opened the present store in Washington Court House, and upon the death of his brother in 1887, our subject succeeded him in the business, and has since continued at the head of the flourishing establishment.

At the time of the cyclone, September 8, 1885, the firm occupied a large brick store on Court Street, which was completely wrecked, together with the whole stock, including a full line of new fall goods, causing a loss of almost $8,000. No lives were lost by the disaster, although our subject and eight others were in the building at the time of the storm. It fortunately happened that the present structure was in process of erection, and the firm transported their goods on wheelbarrows to the new store, doing business while the place was being plastered, shelved and finished. Since then, Mr. Stutson has enlarged the store to accommodate the increasing demands of his customers, and it is conceded that he has now the largest business of the city. The secret of the success which has rewarded his efforts may be found in the fact that he has given his business his undivided and unceasing attention.

The marriage of Mr. Stutson and Miss Mary E. Stimson, of La Fayette, Ind., took place January 3, 1884, and they have two bright and intelligent children, Clara Louise and Janet Lorain. In his social affiliations, Mr. Stutson is identified with Fayette Lodge, F. & A. M. Throughout his career, he has displayed due caution and care in managing his affairs, and at the same time has been bold and resolute in financial matters, his good sense, accurate judgment and cool calculations rarely leading him astray in his transactions.

CHRISTIAN VOLKA. Among the thriving business establishments of La Fayette, Madison County, mention should certainly be made of that of which Mr. Volka is proprietor. It is devoted to the sale of general merchandise, is supplied with a good stock in each department, and is the seat of a fine trade conducted according to the most improved business principles. He is well known in the country contiguous to La Fayette, as he has been engaged in trade here since 1865.

The parents of our subject, John and Catherine (Krouse) Volka, were natives respectively of Germany and France. They accompanied their parents to the New World when young and when reaching mature years were married in Columbus, this State. The father was a shoemaker by occupation, which trade he followed in that city, Cincinnati and St. Louis; he departed this life in the Queen City of smallpox. Only two members of the parental family lived to reach mature years, Catherine and Christian.

The original of this sketch was born in St. Louis, Mo., November 25, 1837, and after the death of his father returned with his mother to Columbus, where he attended school. When a lad of ten years, he accompanied his parents to Deer Creek Township, which has since been his place of residence, and where, by the exercise of unflagging industry, indomitable energy and ceaseless perseverance, he has acquired a competence.

Mr. Volka and Miss Lucetta Bell, of Champaign County, this State, were united in marriage January 8, 1863. The lady, who was born May 12, 1844, was the daughter of Dr. Daniel and Rebecca (Wagoner)

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Bell, the former of whom was a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Bell had a family of eleven children; the father died in December, 1868, in La Fayette, where also the mother's death occurred, November 29, 1858.

Of the five children born to our subject and his wife only two survive, viz: Nettie, now Mrs. Robert Smith, and John C. Mr. Volka, when starting out for himself was employed as a clerk in London for several years and, being economical and industrious, he soon accumulated a sufficient sum to enable him to launch out in business on his own account, and, as before stated, he has been connected with the mercantile interests of La Fayette since 1865. In politics, he takes a goodly amount of interest and votes with the Democratic party. He served on the School Board in Deer Creek Township, and under his active co-operation much was accomplished to benefit the public schools which he regards as the surest means of improving the race. The mother of our subject was a second time married, her husband being Christian Bierbaugh; she is now deceased, her death occurring in this township in 1887.

HON. WILLIAM T. CONKLIN. Among the prominent, popular and influential citizens of Pickaway County selected for representation in this work, we take pleasure in presenting to our readers the biography and portrait of the subject of this sketch, who is a well-known resident of Madison Township, making his home upon section 23. He is a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, where he was born, January 15, 1817, and is a son of Joseph and Annie (Caton) Conklin, both of whom were natives of Washington County, Pa. His paternal ancestors are said to have been from Wales, and his maternal ancestors are supposed to have come from Ireland.

Joseph Conklin, the father of our subject, emigrated from Pennsylvania with his family early in the present century and settled in the new country in Fairfield County, Ohio, there taking up pioneer life. He drove all the way a team of five horses and his wife journeyed on horseback, carrying a small child in her arms all through that long journey. He died in 1822 and his widow afterward married James Lambert. In 1825, William T. Conklin, with his mother, his stepfather and the children of the family, came to Pickaway County, Ohio, where he settled on section 14, Madison Township and grew to man's estate amid scenes of pioneer life. He has seen the deer and wild turkeys around his home in great numbers, and has experienced the hardships of pioneer life. Only two of the children of his parents now survive, his only sister living being Priscilla, wife of Thomas Black.

With the exception of two years spent in the mercantile business at Ashville, Ohio, our subject has throughout life engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock-raising. His education was received in the early schools of Madison Township, and for a short time he studied in Central College, Franklin County. During five winters he devoted himself to teaching, in which he was very successful, and he has throughout life maintained a course of reading which has had a broadening and educative tendency.

Mr. Conklin was married in June, 1859, to Elizabeth Baum, who was born in Madison Township, Pickaway County, March 9, 1825. Her parents, Christian and Sarah (Shook) Baum, were natives of Pennsylvania, and were early settlers in this county, making their home in the forest among the earliest pioneers. Six of their seven children are still living, namely: Joseph, George, Lewis, Mrs. Conklin, John, and Mary (the wife of Samuel Posey).

To Mr. and Mrs. Conklin were born three children, two of whom still survive, namely: Sarah A., wife of Dr. Charles R. Pontius, who is a practicing physician at Fremont, Ohio, and Martha S., the wife of T. W. Baum, of Madison Township, this county. For many years Mr. Conklin served as Justice of the Peace, for sixteen years as Township Treasurer, and for one year as Township Trustee.

The broader political career of the Hon. Mr. Conklin began with his election to the State Legislature, where he served as a member from Pickaway County to the Fifty-ninth and Sixty-

first General Assembly, being a member of the House of Representatives. He was an earnest and successful advocate of the measure to secure an additional judge in his district. During his first term he served on the Committee on Military Affairs, also the Committee on Fees and Salaries, and was a most useful member of the House, serving his county with credit to himself and his constituents.

A great affliction has fallen upon Mr. and Mrs. Conklin in the loss of sight experienced by that lovely and intelligent lady, so that she who was for so many years Mr. Conklin's most earnest and active helpmate, is now to a considerable extent set aside from the activities of life. She is a member of the Lutheran Church and one whose character and life are warmly admired by all who know her. Mr. Conklin has over five hundred acres of land, which he has gained by his own efforts. He is identified with Lithopolis Lodge No. 169, F. & A. M., and has served as both Junior and Senior Warden of that body. He is a Democrat in his views and takes a keen interest in political movements.

SAMUEL O. WILSON is Superintendent of the Fayette County Infirmary and is well fitted by character and ability for this responsible position. He is a native of Fayette County, born in Greene Township March 6, 1845, and is a son of Joel Wilson. His father was a Virginian by birth, and, when young, came to Ohio with his parents, who were among the early settlers of Greene Township. He married Eliza Waln, a daughter of Joseph Waln, who was a resident of the southern part of the county, his farm joining that of Joel Wilson. The Walns were also from Virginia. Of the five children born to Joel Wilson and his wife, all grew to manhood and womanhood, and the three still living are Elizabeth, wife of Lawrence Patton; Nancy, wife of J. N. Moon, of Madison County, Iowa, and our subject.

S. O. Wilson was educated in the district schools of his native township, and when his school days were over, he commenced life in earnest as a farmer, in which occupation he has always been interested. After his marriage in the spring of 1865, he continued his occupation in Wayne Township for eleven years. March 1, 1886, he was appointed Superintendent of the Fayette County Infirmary, and has been re-appointed every year since. When he entered upon the duties of his office, he had a hard task before him, as the place was in a very bad condition, the buildings were in bad order, the fences were poor and the farm had run down. But he has wrought a great change by his vigorous management, bringing to his work a clear and comprehensive mind, untiring diligence and unceasing vigilance in looking after matters under his jurisdiction, and the institution and the farm connected with it are now all that can be desired, the buildings kept in good repair and always neat and orderly; and the land by judicious cultivation raised to the highest state of productiveness. Formerly the amount of money turned into the county treasury from the infirmary was very small. The proceeds of the farm placed in the county treasury from that institution average from $3,000 to $4,000 per year. The cost per capita for keeping the inmates in the infirmary was $42.20, which, by the wise economy exercised by the Superintendent, was reduced for the year ending September 1, 1891, to $25.12, the second lowest rate in the State, and at the same time the inmates were just as well fed and cared for as heretofore.

Our subject is genial, polite, gentlemanly and hospitable, and is eminently humane and thoughtful in his conduct toward the people under his charge. He is ably assisted by his wife, who acts as matron, a position for which she has a peculiar gift, as she has an amiable, cheerful disposition, is invariably patient, kind and sympathetic, and has the ready tact so requisite in dealing with others. Both she and her husband have the full confidence of all concerned, and under their care the Fayette County Infirmary is said to be undoubtedly the best in the State.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Sarah C. Pavey was solemnized May 18, 1865, and has resulted in the birth of five children, viz: Mattie,

Harvey, Maggie, Fannie and Fred. Mrs. Wilson is a daughter of Jesse Pavey, a native of Bourbon County, Ky., and at the time of his daughter's marriage a prominent farmer of this county. Mr. Wilson is a Republican in politics; in his social relations, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and religiously, he and his wife are members in high standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SHERMAN LEACH, M. D., a practicing physician and surgeon of Mt. Sterling, was born in this city May 30, 1864. His boyhood days were spent under the parental roof, and his literary education was acquired in the public schools. At the age of sixteen, he began clerking in a drug store, and three years later began the study of medicine. He entered the Starling Medical College of Columbus, pursuing a three-years' course and was graduated in March, 1887. While in college, he was also managing a drug store. He became an expert druggist and was paid a salary of $65 per month, and was allowed to attend the medical college six hours per day. After leaving school, he formed a partnership with Dr. W. H. Emery, of Mt. Sterling, Madison County, the connection continuing until his death.

On the 9th of May, 1889, Dr. Leach wedded Florence M. Hornbeck, of Williamsport, Pickaway County, who was born in South Solon, September 3, 1869, and is a daughter of Marvin and Mary (Keyes) Hornbeck, both natives of Pickaway County. They are highly respected young people of this community, who hold an enviable position in social circles.

The Doctor is local surgeon for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, and is a member of the Madison County and Ohio State Medical Societies. He has been elected Professor of Rectal Diseases in the Ohio Medical University in Columbus, which was organized in 1892. He has prepared and read several papers before the medical societies and ranks high among his professional brethren. In politics, he is a Republican, and is a member of the City Council and Treasurer of the village of Mt. Sterling. He is a Director of the Mt. Sterling Building and Loan Association, is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and has taken seven degrees in the Masonic lodge. He has the distinction of being the youngest Worshipful Master that has ever served in Mt. Sterling.

Dr. Leach is emphatically a self-made man. He has made the most of his opportunities and has now the largest practice of any physician in Mt. Sterling, his income amounting to about $6,000 per year.

WILLIAM T. LEACH, a prominent contractor and builder of Mt. Sterling, who is also engaged in the manufacture of artificial stone pavement, was born in Madison Township, Fayette County, Ohio, January 18, 1829. His parents, Robert and Eliza (Thomas) Leach, were both natives of Virginia, and came to Ohio with their parents when young. The father was a farmer and merchant and removed to Madison County when our subject was a lad of ten years.

William grew to manhood in Pleasant Township, and acquired his education in the common schools. After attaining to man's estate, he was married on the 28th of January, 1851, to Miss Jane Bostwick, a native of Vermont, and a daughter of Fred C. Bostwick, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. By their union have been born five children: Mrs. May Newman, of Columbus, Ohio, who has two children: Frederick, a railroad employe in the West; Mrs. Eliza Hodges, who, with her three children, resides in Sterling; Sherman, the subject of the preceding sketch in this volume; and Robert, a resident of Chicago. The mother of this family died in October, 1876, and was laid to rest in Pleasant Cemetery.

Mr. Leach continued to engage in farming for a number of years. Removing to McLean County, Ill., in 1854, he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land, upon which he made his home until 1859. In that year, he sold out and returned to Mt. Sterling, where he has since re-

sided. He is a natural mechanic, and while engaged in farming also worked at the carpenter's trade. For many years he has been connected with the building interests of Mt. Sterling and has erected many important buildings, including the residence and office of Dr. Sherman Leach.

On the 17th of May, 1881, our subject was again married, his second union being with Maggie Baughman, who was born in New Holland, Ohio, October 2, 1854, and is a daughter of George W. and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Baughman. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania, and her mother of Virginia. By this union has been born one son: Herbert B., who was born in Mt. Sterling, August 2, 1885.

Mr. Leach cast his first Presidential vote with the Whig party in 1852, but joined the Republican party on its organization, and supported John C. Fremont in 1856. Since that time he has been a stalwart Republican and keeps himself well informed on the questions of the day. He has served as Marshal for three years, was a member of the City Council for three years, was Clerk of the School Board six years, and the various duties of these offices he promptly and faithfully performed. With the Presbyterian Church he holds membership, while Mrs. Leach belongs to the Methodist Church.

WALTER W. SHOOP. Upon a beautiful elevation on Circle Avenue, surrounded by grounds one acre in extent and finely laid out in lawns, will be noticed a commodious residence, which is undoubtedly one of the most attractive homes in Washington C. H. Not only is its exterior appearance pleasing to the eye, but the interior arrangements are in harmony with the laws of beauty, and on every hand the good taste of the inmates is apparent. This is the home of Mr. Shoop and his family, who are well and favorably known throughout the community.

The son of a farmer, Mr. Shoop was born in Bainbridge, Ross County, this State, March 16, 1846, his parents being J. M. and Mary E. (Snyder) Shoop. He commenced his education in the district schools of Clinton County, whither he was taken by his parents when about three years old. In 1856, when a lad of ten years, he came to this county and located on a farm near Jasper Mills, where he remained until after the death of his father in 1864, at the age of forty-six years.

The parental family comprised nine children, of whom the following is noted: William H. died in 1865; James is now a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church and resides in Washington County, this State; Laura H. is the wife of William B. Hukill, of Missouri; our subject is the next in order of birth; Martha E. is the widow of Jacob Sollars, of Fayette County; Henry C. is engaged in the harness and saddlery business at Washington C. H.; Obie is the wife of George Mouser, of Fayette County; and John D. is Superintendent of the city schools at Gibson, Ill. The mother of this family passed from earth in 1860, four years prior to the demise of her husband.

Upon leaving the farm, in 1870, our subject first engaged in business at the Jasper Mills and was a grain dealer at that place for six years. About 1882, he removed to Washington C. H. and for several years was in the implement business, which he conducted with great success. After managing the business alone for a few years, he took into partnership J. H. Lawwill, the firm being Shoop & Lawwill. They continued to superintend their extensive interests for several years, when Mr. Shoop's health failing, he sold out to Mr. Lawwill, December 16, 1891. Since that time, he has been retired from active business cares, although in looking after his real-estate interests and in other duties, he still finds sufficient to occupy his time.

In his social connections, Mr. Shoop is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has filled all the chairs. He has also served successfully as District Deputy Grand Master for two terms; District Deputy Chief Patriarch and Captain of the Cantons; and, in addition, is a Knight of Pythias. His wife, to whom he was married January 16, 1868, was known in her maidenhood as Laura Campbell, and is the daughter of Lenox Campbell, one of the early settlers of Fayette County, whose sketch

will be found elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Shoop are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which faith they have reared their two sons and two daughters: Werter, Ottie, Lenox and Bessie.

JOHN T. KIRKENDALL, M. D., is a physician of high standing, who has raised himself to the front ranks of his profession by careful study and close attention to his business, and he enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He is also prominent as one of the leading citizens of Darbyville, with whose public life he has been intimately connected in various important official capacities since he returned to this, his native town, after he had completed his medical studies.

Dr. Kirkendall was born November 27, 1846, and is a descendant of one of the old pioneer families of Ohio. His father, William Kirkendall, was also a native of this State, born in one of the earliest pioneer homes of Ross County, in 1797. His father, a Virginian by birth, was an early settler of that county, and the father of our subject was reared on a farm and educated in the primitive schools of his day, which were held in rudely-constructed log houses. He was one of the original settlers of Darbyville, helped to lay out the streets of the village, and his name was associated with the early improvements of the place. He erected a hotel, and was engaged in its management until his untimely death at the age of fifty, which deprived the village of one of its most public-spirited and valued citizens, and the Methodist Church of one of its most liberal and zealous members. The maiden name of his wife was Mary J. Crego, and she too was a native of Ohio. They had four children, of whom these three grew to maturity: William, John T., and Fanny, Mrs. Fissell. The mother remarried, becoming the wife of Isaac Calendine, and died at the age of twenty-seven years, leaving one child by her second marriage, Lillie. She was a Christian and a consistent member of the Methodist Church.

Our subject passed his early life in his native village, living with Dr. R. H. Tipton after the death of his parents until he was sixteen years old. He then went to Madison County and worked on the farm of Oliver Mitchell until he was twenty-one years of age. Ambitious to improve his education, he next went to school at Lancaster, where he pursued a seven-months' course of study, and after that he began teaching at East Lancaster, Fairfield County. He taught there one term, and the ensuing twelve years was engaged in teaching in Pickaway County, having charge of a school in Darby Township seven years, and the remainder of the time exercising his vocation in Darbyville, Muhlenburg Township. Five years of the time that he was teaching he was assiduously reading medicine every leisure moment that he could snatch from his duties, Dr. Tipton being his instructor. Abandoning the work of teaching, he turned his attention to the general mercantile business in partnership with Mr. Fissell, under the firm name of Fissell and Kirkendall, and for two years was thus engaged. Resuming his old calling, he taught school one year, and read medicine with Dr. F. M. Black. He subsequently attended lectures at Starling Medical College, Columbus, and was graduated therefrom February 25, 1879. He entered upon the practice of his profession with a fine equipment for the life before him, years of careful study giving him an accurate knowledge of medicine in all its branches, and paving the way to the success that has followed, which makes him one of our most reputable and trusted physicians, with a large practice, covering miles of territory. After leaving college, he was in partnership with Dr. Black a year, but since then he has been by himself.

The Doctor has one of the most attractive homes in Darbyville, which is presided over with consummate tact by his amiable wife, formerly Miss Sally Rennick, to whom he was wedded September 29, 1880. Mrs. Kirkendall was born September 16, 1856, in Darby Township, and is a daughter of Benjamin F. Rennick, now a resident of that township. Two children complete the household of our subject and his wife, Benjamin R. and Edward T.

Dr. Kirkendall is in every way an honor to the

citizenship of his native village, in whose welfare he is deeply concerned, and he has done much to promote its higher interests. His fellow-citizens, knowing him so well, and appreciating his fine character, rare executive ability and progressive public spirit, have often called him to important civic positions. Thus he served as Mayor of the village four years, and as Councilman six years; has been School Director, and was School Examiner two years, appointed by Probate Judge Walk to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Cartright. He was Justice of the Peace for the township three years and Township Clerk one term in Darby Township. The Doctor is well informed on all political matters, and is a recogzed leader among the Republicans of this section, his counsel being valued in the gatherings of the party, which he has faithfully served at various times as delegate to county, congressional and State conventions. Socially, his relations are with the Masonic order at Mt. Sterling, and he has taken the Royal Arch Degree at London. Religiously, both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Church, and he is Trustee of the church and the parsonage.

WILLIAM GILL, a son of one who was a prominent pioneer of Pickaway County, is himself one of its leading farmers, occupying land in Salt Creek Township which has never been out of the family since the patent was obtained from the Government in the early days of the settlement of this part of the State. This pleasant old homestead is his birthplace, and here he first opened his eyes to its primitive surroundings, November 8, 1832.

Capt. William Gill, the father of our subject, was born in Virginia July 8, 1792. He served with credit in the War of 1812, and at its close received a commission as Captain in the United States army, as he had shown especial ability as a leader, having enlisted as Captain of volunteers. He saw hard service in the Northwest, and was sent in charge of prisoners to Chillicothe, which was established as a fort for captives; he was subsequently made Commander of that prison. That was his first introduction to this part of the country, and he was so favorably impressed with it that he determined to settle here, and in 1817 selected Pickaway County for his future home, locating on land in Salt Creek Township. He resided here to within six years of his death, and then went to live with a daughter in Circleville, where he died, January 29, 1861, and thus passed away one of the old landmarks of the county, one who had been honored and reverenced not only as one of the leading pioneers and citizens of his day, but was held in great regard for his spotless character as a man. He was widely known and had many friends. The Captain was, at one time, one of the largest property holders of this section, owning nine hundred and twenty-seven acres of land in Salt Creek Township. He was Justice of the Peace for several years, and was also Associate Justice of the county for a number of years. The mother of our subject was Nancy Winship, and she was born in Berkeley County, W. Va., December 5, 1792, a daughter of the Hon. Win Winship, a native of England, who came to this country soon after the Revolution, and became a prominent merchant in Martinsburg. He also owned a mill there and some land. In 1801, he came to Ohio, and was appointed to fill the office of Register of Lands in the general land office at Chillicothe, under President John Adams. He entered and owned a large tract of land in Ross, Pickaway, Champaign and Madison Counties, and finally located in Pickaway County, where he died in 1812. The mother of our subject died in 1876, in her eighty-fourth year. She was a Presbyterian in her religious views, and was firm in the faith until her death. There were three children in the family, of whom our subject is the youngest. The eldest is Win Winship, now living in Chicago. The second, Martha, who married John T. Jacobs, died in July, 1891.

William Gill was reared on the farm that has always been his own. He obtained the preliminaries of his education in the little brick schoolhouse that was located in his district when he was

a boy, and he subsequently attended Mt. Pleasant Academy at Kingston a short time. At the age of twenty-one, he entered upon his successful career as a farmer on the old homestead. He has three hundred acres of excellent land in Salt Creek Township, that is well watered by Scipio Creek, a good part of it being held by patent from the Government and has never been bought or sold. It is historical ground, as here Lord Dunmore, in 1774, then Royal Governor of Virginia, camped on the north bank of Scipio Creek, at the time he was making his celebrated treaty with the Indians, whereby the Northwestern territory was thrown open to the whites for settlement. In plowing the land, silver buttons and bullets, relics of the English lord and his troops, have been uncovered and picked up from the soil in which they had been buried for more than a century.

November 23, 1854, Mr. Gill was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Cushing, a lady of much intelligence and many pleasant attributes, who presides over their atttractive home with true grace, cordially seconding his genial hospitality whenever friend or stranger comes within their gates. Mrs. Gill is a native of Lawrence County, Ky., and, like her husband, she comes of a distinguished ancestry. Her parents were Henry and Margaret (Ferguson) Cushing, natives respectively of Boston, Mass., and Pennsylvania. Her paternal grandfather, Nathaniel Cushing, was born in Boston, coming of the old New England stock, and he was a Colonel in the Continental army during the Revolution, his commission, signed by his old commander, Gen. Washington, being still in possession of his family. He was also one of the famous tea party that threw the tea overboard in Boston Harbor. After the war, Col. Cushing came to Ohio as a member of the Belpre party, and settled there on a farm, which is still in possession of his descendants. He was one of the earliest pioneers of the State, and his bones now rest in its soil. His son Nathaniel died in early life; Henry, father of Mrs. Gill, became a prosperous farmer, and died here in 1861, at the age of eighty-four years; James V. was the second white child born in Ohio, and Mrs. Gill has a fine portrait of him; Thomas died in early life. James was a miller in Zanesville for many years, being in partnership with Alfred Martin. In 1831 he succeeded in cornering the wheat market in New York City. He died in Zanesville, where he had accumulated a fortune. The mother of Mrs. Gill died in 1882, at the age of eighty-four years. Both she and her husband were stanch Presbyterians and active in the church for many years. The latter had served in the War of 1812. They were the parents of four children, and were both of long-lived races, his grandfather living to be nearly a hundred years old. Mr. and Mrs. Gill have six children: Martha, wife of L. C. McPherson, editor of the *Massillonian*, at Massillon; Annie B., at home with her parents; Mary W., also at home; William H., who is with the John Shelito Dry Goods Co., and is married; Alice, a teacher at Adelphi; and George, at home.

Mr. Gill is a man of much prominence and influence in his native county, as he is clear brained, with an intellect steadily poised, possesses accurate judgment, and is sensible and well informed. He takes a deep interest in politics, and keeps himself thoroughly posted in all the ins and outs of political life, believes in the Third-party movement, and is strongly in favor of the Farmers' Alliance, which has in him one of its leaders in this section.

JOHN E. FERREL. This honored gentleman, who makes his home in Perry Township, Pickaway County, is a native of Clinton County, Ohio, where he was born August 5, 1858, and is a son of William H. and Mary (Taylor) Ferrel, both natives of the Buckeye State. The father was a merchant the most of his life but now is engaged in the real-estate business in Clinton County, Ohio.

Three children were born to the parents of our subject, he being the first-born. He is of Scotch-Irish descent and also comes of a long-lived race. John E. was afforded the privileges of the common schools until he reached the age of sixteen years, at which early age he left home and commenced an active life on his own account. He

secured his start by trading a horse which he possessed for some hill land, and this he worked diligently for one year, when he was enabled to buy a team, and then engaged in teaming. This latter occupation he followed for three years, when he learned telegraphy. He was very quick to learn and soon became an adept and was immediately given an office, and is now one of the oldest operators and agents in the employ of the Pan Handle Company. He has been in the employ of this company since 1880, and has had charge of the office at New Holland since that time. He has also been agent for the Adams Express Company at this place since 1884. Aside from his railroad duties, Mr. Ferrel is engaged in the coal business and controls all the trade in his town, and handles upwards of one hundred and twenty-five carloads a year.

The worthy subject of this life notice was married August 9, 1883, to Miss Carrie Davis, a daughter of Dr. B. R. Davis, of New Holland. One child has been born of this union, who bears the name of Nina. Mr. Ferrel is a thorough-going business man and has plenty of push, pluck and perseverance, which always insure success in any undertaking.

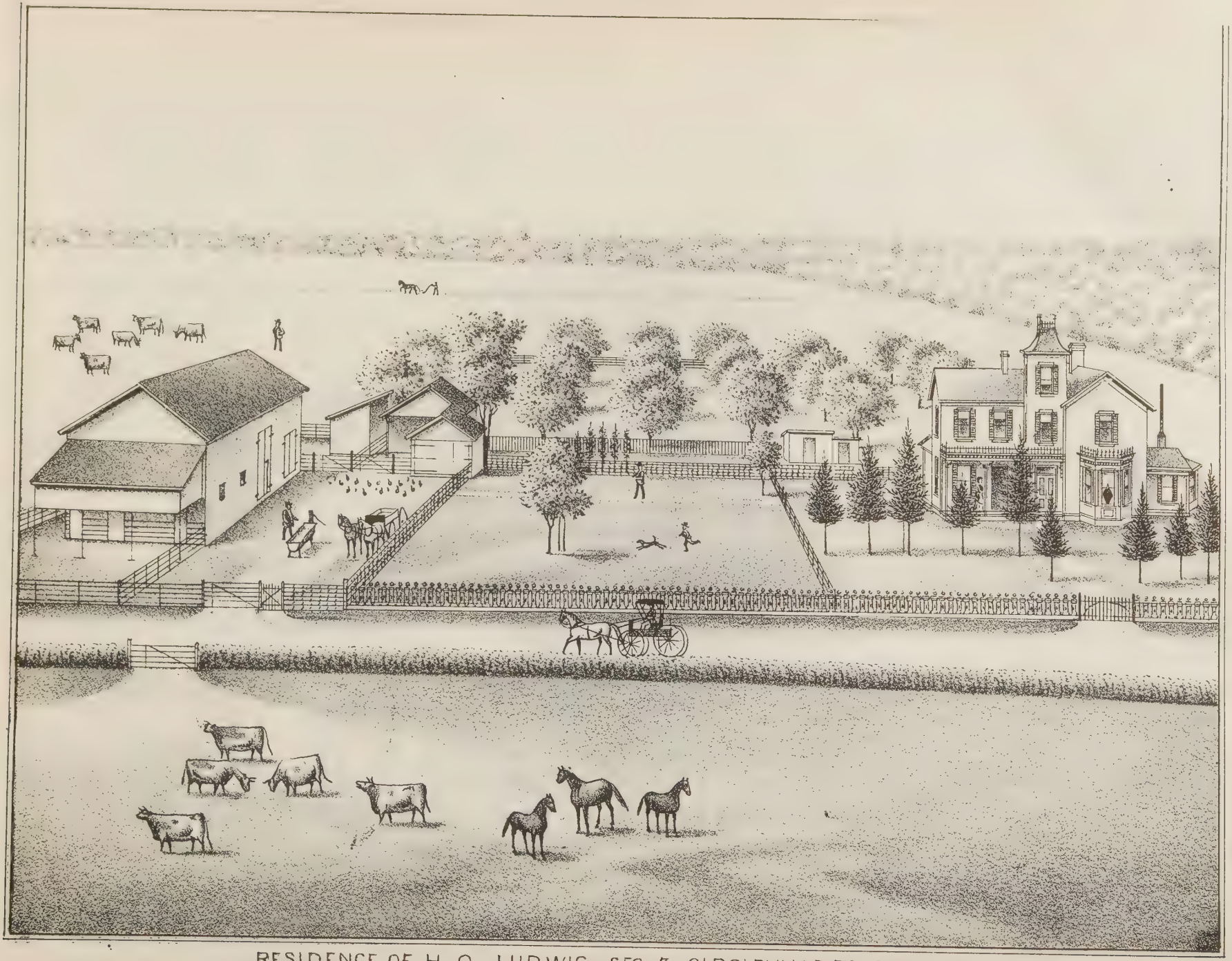
HENRY LEASE, a well-known resident of Union Township, Fayette County, is a son of Joseph Lease, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, July 25, 1811. The latter's father, George Lease, was one of the first settlers in Ross County, and he and his wife came to that county on horseback from Virginia at an early day.

George Lease had a family of eight children, and all but one grew to mature years and settled in Hardin and Ross Counties. In Ross County, George Lease bought land and reared his family about two miles west of Frankfort. He served in the War of 1812, in the raid through Ohio, and all through those early years the Indians abounded all around them, and they had a hard struggle in their pioneer life in the wilderness.

Joseph Leasé was reared in Ross County, Ohio, and received his eduation in the pioneer schools. He remained with his father for some time after he grew to manhood and then moved onto a farm, which the father had bought for him. The young man was married to Miss Mary, a daughter of Teddy Goldberry, who came to Ohio from Virginia, and was one of the early settlers here, making his home upon Paint Creek. Joseph Lease made his home in the same place until 1857, when he sold out and moved to Hardin County, where he remained for four years, as he had there bought six hundred acres of land. He then removed to Ross County, living near his old home for several years, and while living there enlisted in the cavalry troop, and was in the service for three years and six months. After his return from the war, he moved to Salem, Ross County, where he still lives.

Joseph Lease had a family of nine children, five of whom gained man's and woman's estate, and three of that number are still living, namely: Nancy, the wife of Mr. Pern Souther, who went into the army, and has since died; Teddie, who also went into the army, and after a ten-months' service returned home on account of ill health, and our subject. The father was a Democrat, politically, but during the time of the Rebellion he was an earnest supporter of the Government and an ardent upholder of the cause of the Union. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also his wife, who was called from his side by death, October 25, 1888.

The date of the birth of our subject was September 17, 1832, and the scene of his nativity was the old homestead in Ross County, Ohio. Here he was reared and lived until he was twenty years old, when he went to Hardin County with his father. There he married Gertrude, a daughter of Abraham Roseborne, a prominent farmer of that county. The young people settled upon two hundred acres of land in Hardin County, and remained there for four years, at the end of which time the young man gave up this land to pay his father's debts, and they returned to Ross County. He served his country, as calls came for his help, and he was out with others to meet the Morgan



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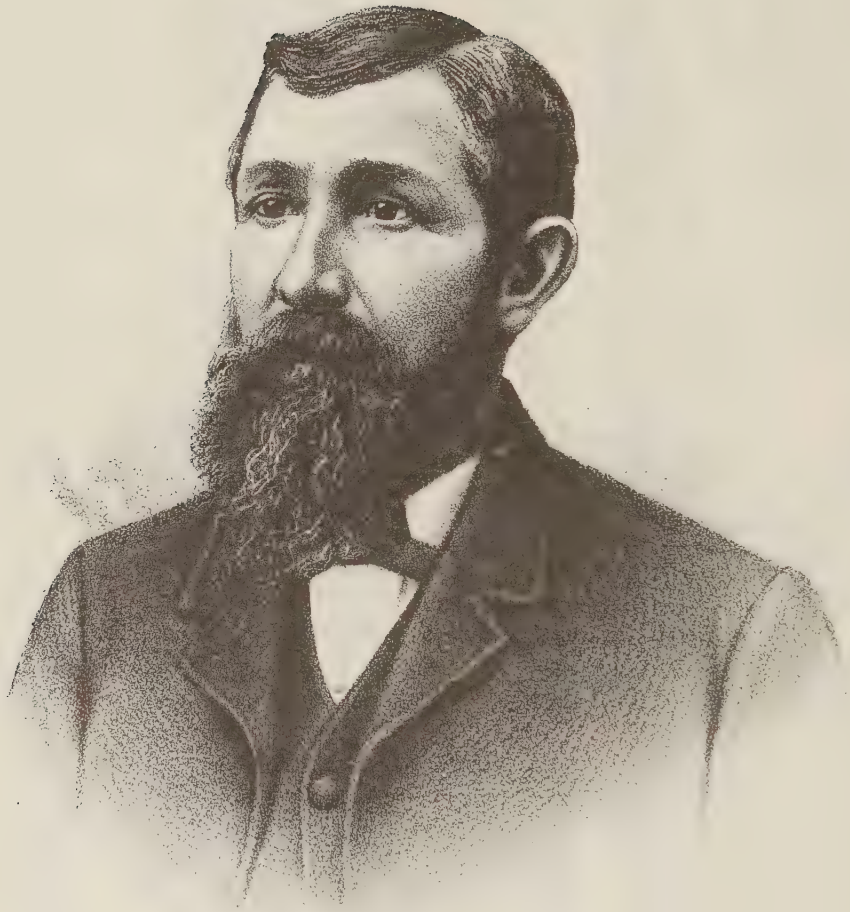


H. O. Ludwig,

Raiders, and also joined a regiment, in which he enlisted for one hundred days.

After the war, our subject removed to Fayette County, making his home here in March, 1865, and remaining here for three years. He bought the land where he now lives, and placed it under cultivation. His children are Sarah and Etta, who live at home, and Mary, who married William Wilson, and lives in this township. His property consists of seventy acres, which constitute his home farm, and forty-five acres upon which his daughter lives. He is a strong advocate of the temperance movement and, politically, is attached to the Prohibition party, although he was formerly Republican. In the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he belongs, he is a Class-leader and an active worker for all church objects. For a number of years he has been Superintendent of the Sunday-school, and he is foremost in promoting all movements which tend to religion and morality.

HENRY O. LUDWIG. This prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Pickaway County is at present residing on his fine farm, situated on section 7, Circleville Township. His estate is finely improved and its owner has reached that stage where he is enjoying a pleasing degree of success. Mr. Ludwig was born in Circleville Township, December 16, 1832, and is thus more interested in his community than he would be had he been born in some other place.

Our subject is the son of Jacob Ludwig, whose father, Daniel Ludwig, was born in Berks County, Pa., June 4, 1748. His father, also named Daniel, and his mother, Mary Ludwig, came from Germany. Daniel Ludwig was associated in a store with Gov. Joseph Heister at Reading, Pa., for a number of years, and in the fall of 1806 emigrated to Ohio, bringing his family, which consisted of a wife and nine children, together with a small stock of goods, in wagons drawn by horses. He opened up a store in his dwelling, and some time later erected a large brick residence which was the home of Jacob Ludwig for more than seventy years and in one portion of which he intended to keep his store. Three of his sons on whom he depended to aid him in that project died and the store was never established, the goods being disposed of to his neighbors. The house alluded to was built in 1809 and was the first brick residence in Pickaway County.

The grandfather of our subject purchased a half section of land in Circleville Township and entered lands in this and other counties until he became the owner of three thousand acres. He was the original owner of the land upon which the town of Logan, Hocking County, now stands and stood very high in business circles. He was married three times, his first wife, to whom he was united in 1778, being Appelona, daughter of Michael and Susannah Miller. Mrs. Ludwig was born March 14, 1760, and became the mother of four children, namely: John, who was born January 29, 1779; Christena, born November 27, 1781; Daniel, born October 11, 1783, died January 28, 1790; George, who was born September 3, 1785, died February 8, 1810. Mrs. Appelona Ludwig died May 14, 1787, and March 11, 1788, Mr. Ludwig was married to Eva, daughter of Casper and Rebecca Grissmer, who was born November 12, 1766. By that union were born two children: Thomas, born January 15, 1789, died February 15, 1810, and Joseph, who was born October 1, 1790, died September 10, 1807. Mrs. Eva Ludwig died on the 21st of October, 1800. Daniel Ludwig was a third time married, the lady of his choice being Elizabeth, daughter of John and Elizabeth Shupert, their wedding taking place in 1802. Mrs. Ludwig was born March 31, 1776, and became the mother of the following-named children: Catherine, who was born July 7, 1803; Mary, November 30, 1804; Jacob, April 17, 1806; Elizabeth, March 13, 1808; Rachel, November 25, 1810; Susannah, August 9, 1812. Daniel Ludwig died June 9, 1825, and his wife, May 3, 1816.

Jacob Ludwig, the father of our subject, was the third child and only son of the third marriage, and was six months old at the time of his parents' removal to this State. His early education was received in the district school, which was later sup-

plemented by a two-year's attendance at the schools of Circleville, when Dr. Brown, President of the First National Bank, was his teacher. He was married, November 18, 1830, to Evelina Morris, the daughter of Henry and Charity Morris. Mrs. Ludwig was born July 12, 1812, and died February 23, 1848. Their family included seven sons and one daughter, namely: Daniel, who was born November 23, 1831; our subject, who was the second in order of birth; Isaac, who was born September 21, 1834; George, January 14, 1836; John, born December 17, 1837, died April 7, 1848; Mary E., born April 28, 1839; David S., June 16, 1842, and Jacob, Jr., born January 27, 1848, died July 10 of that year. The father of our subject passed from this life October 12, 1881, at a ripe old age. He was a prominent man in the farming community, owning at the time of his death about two thousand acres of land.

The original of this sketch received his education in the pioneer log schoolhouse, and being an apt pupil made the best of his limited opportunities. He remained under the parental roof until 1870, when he began farming on his own account. Mr. Ludwig and Miss Amelia Geoller were united in marriage April 6, 1875. Mrs. Ludwig was born in Circleville, and was the daughter of Leonard and Jessie Tina Geoller, natives of Germany. Her parents emigrated to America about 1860 and located in Circleville, where the father worked at his trade of machinist. He died in 1890; the mother is still living and makes her home in Circleville. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living.

In his political belief, Mr. Ludwig is a stanch Democrat. He served his fellow-townsmen as Land Appraiser of Circleville Township in 1880 and 1890. His wife is a member of the German Lutheran Church and is an active worker in that body. Our subject is the owner of three hundred and thirty-eight and one-fourth acres of land on section 7, which is one of the finest estates in the township. He gives his entire time and attention to raising the cereals and has his place stocked with the best grade of cattle and horses. For a number of years, he was engaged as a drover, buying and shipping cattle and hogs to the city markets. His present residence, which was erected in 1887, is a comfortable and substantial structure, as the reader will judge by a glance at a view of the home presented on another page. The attention of the reader is also invited to the portrait of Mr. Ludwig shown in this connection.

JAMES A. DRESBACH. The name of Dresbach has been connected with the rise and growth of Pickaway County since the early days of its settlement, and the representative of the present generation, of whom we write, is closely associated with its interests as one of the most successful farmers of Pickaway Township, where he has a choice farm and a pleasant home.

The subject of this biographical review was born on the old Dresbach homestead, in Salt Creek Township, December 8, 1839. The history of the Dresbachs extends back to one Martin Dresbach, who was born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, in 1717. In due time he was married to Anna Eve Hoffman, the daughter of a teacher of Nassau Siegen, and in 1746 they emigrated to America. They located in Lancaster County, Pa., and there reared a family of four sons and two daughters: Jacob, Henry, John, Martin, Margaret and Catherine. Their eldest son Jacob was the great-grandfather of our subject. He married Magdalene Buchs, or Books in the English form, and they had thirteen children, of whom their son George was the grandfather of our subject. He was their third child in order of birth, and was born January 13, 1784. He married Catherine Betts, who was born in Union County, Pa., February 14, 1788, their marriage taking place January 10, 1809. The following is the record of their children: Mary was born November 27, 1809; Hannah, January 2, 1812; Elizabeth, June 17, 1814; William, September 21, 1817; Manuel, March 9, 1820; Sarah, January 16, 1823; George, August 18, 1825; Abner, August 16, 1828, and Solomon, August 16, 1831.

The grandparents of our subject left the old home in Pennsylvania in 1811, to found a new one in the forests of Ohio, and in the years of sac-

rifice and privation that followed, the grandfather cleared a farm in Salt Creek Township, living to enjoy the triumphs of his labors after braving the dangers of pioneer life. He was a soldier during the War of 1812, and underwent the vicissitudes of those troublous times at the front, as well as in the backwoods. He was constitutionally brave and fearless, and he was noted for his uprightness of character and exemplary life. He was an active and most worthy member of the United Brethren Church, which mourned his loss, as did the entire community, when he closed his eyes in death November 3, 1863.

William Dresbach, the father of our subject, was reared under the wholesome influences of farm life and the stern discipline of pioneer life, and his character was modeled after that of his father, from whom he inherited many fine traits. He was very strict in his religious views and was a leading member of the United Brethren Church. In his early years, he was a Democrat, but in 1848 he broke away from that party, and after the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks. His long and honorable life was rounded out by his death, March 5, 1882. His first wife, Margaret, daughter of William and Jane (Patterson) Earnheart, of this county, to whom he was married February 22, 1839, died May 28, 1863. His second marriage was August 1, 1869, with Mrs. Louisa Ford.

James A. Dresbach is the eldest of nine children. The first school that he attended was taught in an old log schoolhouse, the typical institution of learning in pioneer times. He passed his boyhood days on his father's farm, helping to till the soil and reap the harvests, feeding the calves and pigs, caring for the colts and sheep, and performing the thousand and one chores required of an active farmer's boy. In 1863, he began his independent career as a farmer, and 1867 he came into possession of his present fine farm, which is a part of the old homestead. It comprises two hundred and ten acres of very fertile land, advantageously situated on section 1, Pickaway Township, and well watered by Scipio Creek. He has made many valuable improvements, including a commodious and conveniently arranged brick residence. He raises and feeds cattle, keeping the best grades, having from twenty to fifty head. He sometimes does his own shipping, frequently sending a car to Eastern cities, and he sold the first cattle that brought $150 apiece in Albany, N. Y.

Our subject stands high in the estimation of his fellow-citizens, who know him to be a man of honor and strict veracity, with a clear, sensible mind, and much decision of character. He is capable of forming his own opinions on all subjects with which he is conversant, and is fearless in expressing his sentiments. In politics, he is an ardent Republican, and a leader of his party in this section, representing it occasionally as a delegate to county, congressional and judicial conventions. He has also taken an active part in the administration of public affairs, having held the office of Trustee of the township six years, and he is Director of his school district, taking great interest in educational matters, and in all things calculated to elevate the community.

Mr. Dresbach was married in 1867 to Miss Mary Alexander, of Tarlton, a daughter of John and Margaret (Martz) Alexander, who were natives of Pennsylvania, and came to Pickaway County in an early day of its settlement. Her father was a school teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Dresbach have had four children, namely: William, James, John, and one that died in infancy.

EDWARD ULM, a farmer and stock-raiser, residing in Range Township, Madison County, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, June 8, 1823, and is a son of Samuel and Hannah (Funk) Ulm. His father was born in Virginia, of German parentage, and his mother was a native of the Keystone State. When he was about six years old, they emigrated to Ross County, Ohio, where our subject made his home until 1881. Mr. Ulm was married December 7, 1848, to Miss Julia A. Counts, daughter of Peter and Mary Counts. He engaged in operating his father's land in Ross County, and after three years purchased ninety-six acres of the homestead. Subsequently, he sold that, in 1861, and bought another seventy-five acres of his father.

On the 4th of May, 1864, Mr. Ulm enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Ninetieth Ohio Infantry, and was in the second battle of Manassas Junction, where he had a ball shot through his hat and came near being taken prisoner. After his one hundred days of service had expired, he was discharged, August 28, 1864. Returning to Ross County, he there continued farming until 1881, when he came to Madison County, and has since resided upon the farm which is now his home. He had married Mrs. Martha Ann Rector, and as his wife had an interest in this farm, he purchased the interest of the other heirs, and now has one hundred and fifty-seven and one-half acres.

Mrs. Ulm was born in Deer Creek Township, Pickaway County. Her father, John Wiggins, was born in Ross County, December 24, 1810, and married Amy Toweleger, who was born in Ulster County, N. Y., March 3, 1813, and came to Ohio with her parents when five years old. Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins were married March 31, 1831, and resided upon a farm in Pickaway County. Their daughter Martha was the fourth in a family of eight children, all of whom are now married and doing well. Her father died in Pickaway County, April 28, 1889, at the age of seventy-nine years, and her mother is still living at the age of seventy-nine.

Mrs. Ulm was born July 24, 1840, and when sixteen years of age, on the 9th of November, 1856, became the wife of Amos D. Rector, a widower with four children. He was born in Pickaway County, May 5, 1820, and was a farmer in good circumstances. He died at his home in his native county, September 1, 1880, and was buried in Pleasant Cemetery. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Rector: Florence P., wife of Edwin Blacker, a harness maker of Range Township, by whom she has two children; Ora I. married Reason Phebus, and, with their two children, they reside in Pickaway County; Joseph S. makes his home in Pickaway County; Amy Etta is the wife of William Eckert, of Kosciusko, Ind., and has two children; Matilda H. is the wife of Thomas Hancock, of Polk County, Mo., by whom she has two children; and Vista S. is at home.

Mr. Ulm received $1,500 from his father's estate, and the remainder of his property he has acquired through his own efforts. His life has been characterized by industry and enterprise, and he is now a well-to-do farmer. He voted for Henry Clay in 1844, for J. C. Fremont in 1856, and is now a Prohibitionist. He has never been an office-seeker, preferring to devote his time and attention to his business interests.

By his first marriage, Mr. Ulm had one son and two daughters: Margaret E., wife of Andrew Wilkins, of Ross County, by whom she has seven children; Clarinda, wife of Robert Eggleston, a machinist, of Peoria, Ill., by whom she has one child; and Edward J., at home. Mr. Ulm and his two daughters are members of the Methodist Church, with which he united when fourteen years of age. Socially, he is a member of the Grand Army Post.

ANDREW J. CLINGAN, who won a good record while fighting for his adopted country in the late war, and has since acquired a high reputation as a useful citizen of Madison County, is a prominent member of his community, being at the present time Justice of the Peace of Summerford. He is an adopted son of William Clingan, who died in Maryland at an early day. Andrew J. was born in Washington County, that State, August 21, 1820, and, when reaching mature years, learned the trade of a tailor. He resided in his native place until 1839, when he came to Springfield, Ohio, and there carried on his trade until 1842, at which time he came to West Jefferson, this county, and was similarly employed for the following seven years.

In the spring of 1850, he of whom we write made his home in Summerford, where he was established as a merchant tailor until 1865, and for the three succeeding years was engaged in the grocery business. Mr. Clingan then became the proprietor of a clothing store, which he carried on successfully for two years, his ability in business affairs enabling him to accumulate a handsome compe-

tence. He has served his fellow-townsmen in different capacities, and is the incumbent at the present time of the office of Justice of the Peace. During the administration of President Hayes, he was Postmaster at Summerford, when, by his genial and cordial manners, he prepossessed people in his favor. He has also been Township Clerk for five years, and Constable for a number of terms, in which positions he discharged his obligations in a most creditable and satisfactory manner.

The lady to whom Mr. Clingan was married, February 17, 1842, was Miss Elizabeth Ann Clark, who was born in Maryland, January 24, 1824. To them have been granted a family of seven children: Alonzo, Laura V., Mary, William, Ida F., James and Frances. During the late war, Alonzo served in the Union army as a member of Company K, Twenty-sixth Ohio Regiment. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Chickamauga and confined in Andersonville, where he died October 30, 1864. Laura V., the second child of our subject, is the wife of J. T. Arnold, of Troy, this State; Mary married Frank Weller, and William married Emma Eckls; Ida is the wife of T. C. Foster; James married Addie Cartzdafner, and Frances became Mrs. Thomas Welch. Mrs. Clingan is a devoted member of the Christian Church, with which denomination she has worshipped for a quarter of a century.

Mr. Clingan enlisted in July, 1861, joining Company K, Twenty-sixth Ohio Infantry, and did brave and efficient service for twenty-nine months. He participated in many of the important battles of the war, and received his discharge from Gen. Rosecrans on account of physical disability. His long residence in this county has made him well known throughout its borders and an upright life has won him universal esteem.

CHARLES F. ALKIRE. The family of which this gentleman is an honored representative is one of the most favorably known in Madison County, its members having contributed their efforts to the development of the resources of the community, and having ever been distinguished for manliness and nobility of character. It is therefore with pleasure that we invite the attention of the reader to the following brief outline of the life of one of its most widely known representatives.

Charles F. Alkire was born in Pleasant Township, Madison County, Ohio, March 4, 1860, and is a son of Abraham R. and Mary J. (Tanner) Alkire. The father, who for many years was a farmer, is now living retired in Mt. Sterling, but the mother has passed from the scenes of earth. Upon the farm which his father owned and operated, our subject passed his childhood and youth in a comparatively uneventful manner, his time being occupied with his studies at school and in aiding in the farm work.

When about twenty-two years of age, Mr. Alkire was married, December 7, 1882, to Flora E. Heath, who was born in the township where she now lives, October 23, 1861. After their marriage, the young couple located where they still reside, and they are now the parents of two children: William, born January 29, 1885, and Clyde, September 23, 1886. The home of this happy family is an attractive and commodious residence, built in 1890, and containing all the comforts of a model home.

Upon locating upon his present farm, which was purchased by his father and father-in-law, Mr. Alkire found the place in poor condition, but he at once commenced its improvement, putting up good fences, introducing an effective system of drainage, and otherwise adding to the value of the land. He now engages in raising, buying and selling stock, in which more than ordinary success has met his efforts. In addition to his homestead of eighty acres, he owns four hundred and fifty acres of land, received from his father's estate.

In their religious connections, Mr. and Mrs. Alkire are faithful and active members of the Christian Church of Mt. Sterling, and the destitute always find in them helpful and generous friends, while public measures for the benefit of the community receive their active co-operation. The principles of the Republican party are those which Mr. Alkire believes best adapted to the advancement of the Government, and he uses his influence for its candidates. Although he has scarcely

reached the prime of life, he has gained the full confidence of his fellow-citizens and in future years will undoubtedly be called upon to perform many responsible and honorable duties in the public interest.

QUINN BRADLEY. Among those who have been so successful financially that they are enabled to lay aside the cares of life and spend their declining years in the enjoyment of suitable comforts, is Mr. Bradley, a retired merchant of West Jefferson. He is the owner of the old homestead located in Monroe Township which was the scene of his labors for many years. He is residing in a very comfortable home surrounded by his family and enjoying the esteem of numerous friends and acquaintances.

The parents of our subject were David and Nancy (Morrow) Bradley, the former of whom was born in Monroe Township, Madison County, and the latter in Tioga County, N. Y. The father passed away in his native place, July 6, 1850, while the mother, who survived him a great many years, died in Jefferson Township, the same county, January 26, 1892. They were the parents of three sons and two daughters, of whom our subject was the youngest, he being born March 10, 1844, in Monroe Township, where he grew to manhood. The education which he received was of a practical kind, as his advantages in the educational line were very limited. He aided his mother in carrying on the farm until the outbreak of the Civil War, when, in May, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, Eighty-fourth Ohio Infantry, and served with his regiment until the following September. Early in the winter of 1864, however, he re-enlisted, this time becoming a member of Company C, Second Ohio Cavalry, and remained in the army until the close of the war. Returning home to Madison County, Mr. Bradley again resumed farming.

October 28, 1869, the original of this sketch was married to Miss Kate, daughter of Adam Zinn, one of the old settlers of Franklin County. The lady was born in Columbus, in October, 1843, and continued to reside with her husband on the old homestead in Monroe Township, which he had purchased, until 1875, at which time they came to West Jefferson. Here Mr. Bradley engaged in the grocery business for eighteen months, when he sold out, and in 1878 established a drugstore, carrying on a very paying business until August 1, 1890, when he disposed of his stock and has since lived retired from active work of any kind.

Mr. Bradley has taken an active part in local affairs and has been chosen by the citizens of the township to hold many offices of trust, among which was Township Clerk and School Director. Being a Grand Army man, Mr. Bradley is a member of Wilson Burrows Post No. 389, and as an Odd Fellow is connected with West Jefferson Lodge No. 412. He is always interested in measures which tend toward the upbuilding of his community, and during elections invariably casts a Republican vote. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley have one daughter, Elta, who with her parents is a member of the Baptist Church.

URBAN G. CREAMER. A conspicuous position among the attorneys of Fayette County is held by this gentleman, who is actively engaged in professional duties, and who, through well-directed efforts, has gained success in his calling. Although he has resided in Washington C. H. for a brief period only, having located here in 1889, he has already secured a permanent place in the regard of the people, and his wide knowledge of the law renders his opinion valuable and often sought.

The early years of the life of our subject were passed amid rural scenes on his father's farm near Jeffersonville, Ohio, where he was born July 25, 1851. For further facts in his paternal history, the reader is referred to the sketch of A. R. Creamer, presented elsewhere in this volume. He passed the summer seasons in farm work, and in the winter diligently applied himself to his studies in the district school. At the age of eighteen, he commenced to teach and was thus engaged during

winters for five years, his summers being devoted to agricultural labors. For a few years he worked exclusively on a farm, having charge of the old homestead where he was born.

At the age of twenty-eight, Mr. Creamer was elected Justice of the Peace and served with efficiency in that capacity for six years. Meanwhile he read law whenever opportunity offered, and at the expiration of his term of service as Justice, he left Jeffersonville and proceeded to Williamsburgh, Clermont County, where he studied law for one year entirely under his own direction. March 1, 1888, he was admitted to practice at the Bar of the State of Ohio, and located for the practice of his profession at Williamsburgh, where he remained until he came to Washington C. H., in February, 1889. Since that time, he has gained a good practice and devotes his attention closely to the demands of his professional duties. In the spring of 1892, he was elected Justice of the Peace at Washington C. H.

The marriage of Mr. Creamer to Miss Laura McLean, of Williamsburgh, was celebrated January 21, 1889, and their pleasant home in Washington C. H. is brightened by the presence of one child, a son, J. Byron. Religiously, Mr. Creamer is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and socially, is a member of the Cerneau Scottish Rite, F. & A. M., which includes the Blue Lodge.

JAMES B. SPRAGUE, M. D., of London, who first won distinction as assistant surgeon in the army during the war, is a man of rare personal worth, of wide experience as a physician, and stands high in professional and social circles in Madison County, where he is well known and honored.

Dr. Sprague was born in Clarke County, June 15, 1821, and his parents were James and Polly (Bailey) Sprague, who were natives respectively of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and were fine representatives of the old New England stock that has borne such an important part in the upbuilding of the great Commonwealth of Ohio. Hither the father came in 1812, and resumed his occupation as a farmer on the rich virgin soil of Clarke County, where he purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land. His first work was to build a log house for the shelter of his family, which he replaced later in life by a handsome brick residence. He was a man of fine physique, standing six feet and two inches in his stockings, and he was gifted with great strength. He possessed good mental ability, was a clear-headed business man, and was one of the wealthy citizens of his county. He was a Democrat, with an intelligent comprehension of the political situation in his day. He lived to dance with his grandchildren, and was of a ripe old age when he died. His children were eight in number, and six of them are yet living: Leonard B., Mrs. Orisa Rice, James B., Mrs. Percy Wallingsford, Mrs. Maria McMahon, and Mrs. Mary E. Cameron.

The subject of this life record spent the first twenty years of his life on his father's farm. His early education was obtained in the district schools of his native county, and he subsequently became a student at the Springfield High School, attending there three years in all, teaching at intervals to get money to pay his expenses. His father dying, he was appointed one of the administrators of the estate, and left school to attend to his duties, living on the farm until the estate was settled. He sold his share of the property to his brother Leonard, as he had determined to prepare himself for the medical profession, toward which his tastes inclined him. He entered upon his studies with Dr. Robert Rodgers, of Springfield, and was with him three years. By that time he was so well up in his studies that he at once took high rank in his classes when he entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in March, 1851. He established himself at Vienna Cross Roads in his native county, and remained there until June, 1862. He was then offered the position of assistant surgeon of the Twenty-seventh Ohio Infantry, and for three years he labored incessantly among the sick and dying soldiers on Southern battle-fields, doing all in his power to allay suffering and to stay the hand of death, and

many a poor boy had cause to thank him for a life saved or a death-bed robbed of its pain. But such devotion to his duties told severely on his own health, and he utterly broke down, so that he was discharged and sent home on a bed. He subsequently returned to the South in the same capacity, under a contract with Col. Lathrop, of Cincinnati, and was absent two months.

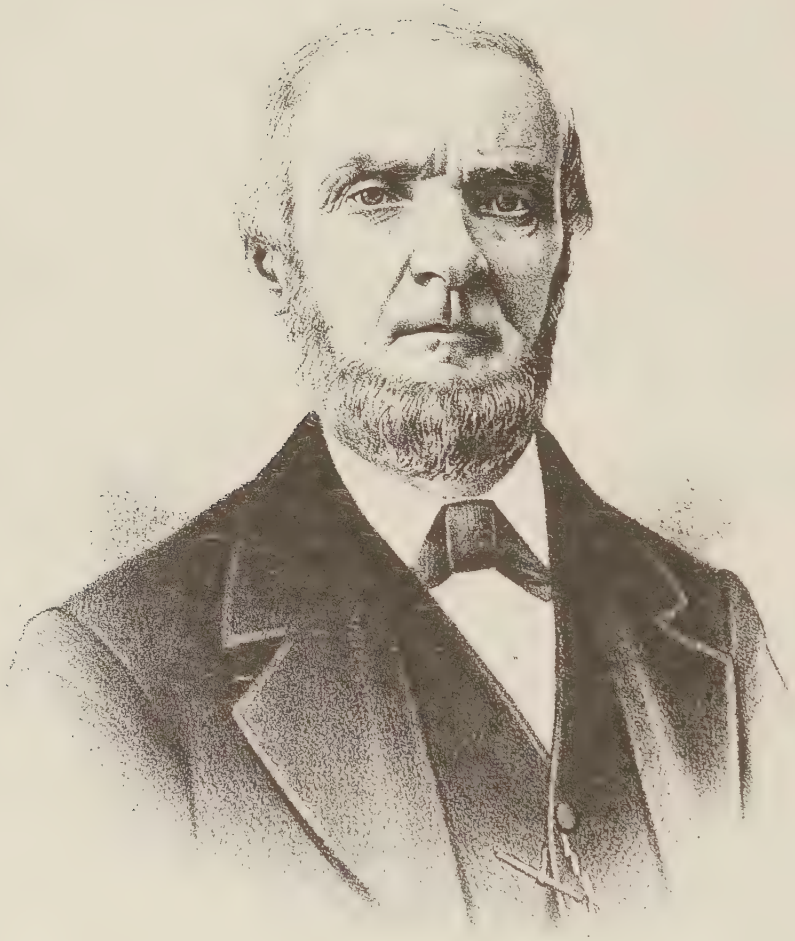
Although obtained at such a terrible cost, our subject's experience as an army surgeon has been invaluable to him in his subsequent practice, and he has risen to greater prominence in his profession by reason of it. He continued his practice in his native county until 1871, when he sold out there and came to London to make his future home. His residence is on South Oak Street, and he has his office in the same lot. He is the oldest practitioner in the village, whither his fame had preceded him, and he has all the patients that he can attend to, both in the village and in the country. He is as devoted to his profession as when he first entered it with all the vigor, high hopes and ambitions of early manhood, and has kept pace with the times in regard to the progress made in the medical world by means of new discoveries and inventions. He has been singularly successful in dealing with difficult and dangerous cases. It is said of him that in forty years' practice he has had more cases of obstetrics, in all probability, than any other physician in the county, and yet he has never lost but one patient, whom the Doctor thinks was poisoned by an attendant.

Dr. Sprague was married, in 1843, to Miss Sarah Chamberlain, of Clarke County, and a daughter of Isaac and Polly (Harriman) Chamberlain. They were natives of New Hampshire, and came to Ohio in the early years of its settlement. They kept a hotel for some years, and later lived on a farm until death, always making their home in Clarke County after coming to this State. They had six children, two of whom are living: Mattie and Mrs Sprague. The marriage of our subject and his wife, which has been a union of true felicity, has been hallowed to them by the birth of two children: Mrs. C. F. Wragg, of Clarke County, who is the mother of four children: Frank, Elmer, Leona and Charles; and Milton C., a physician and surgeon of Madison County, who married Miss Alice Hurd and has two children: Clarence and Annie.

Our subject and his wife are regarded as valuable acquisitions to the community, and in them the Universalist Church has two devoted members. The Doctor is prominent in medical circles as one of the Examining Board of Physicians for Pensions, appointed thereto by President Harrison, and as a leading member of the State Medical Society, in which he has held all the offices. He belongs to Lyon Post No. 121, G. A. R., of which he is surgeon; and he is also an Odd Fellow and a Mason, being the oldest Mason in London, a Scottish Rite member, having taken the thirty-second degree in Masonry. Politically, he is a Democrat.

CHANNING VLEREBOME is one of the most successful and most extensive grain-dealers in Perry Township, Pickaway County. He was born on the 9th of August, 1865, in New Holland, this township, and is a son of George and Marinda (Chaffin) Vlerebome. The father was a native of New York, and came to Cincinnati, Ohio, when fourteen years of age, where he remained and worked four or five years as a clerk in a clothing store. He then went on the road as a traveling salesman for a firm, which position he held a number of years, and was one of the most successful, receiving a salary of $2,500 per year, which was at that time the highest paid. The father of our subject was married at New Holland, in 1859, and engaged in the grocery business at New Holland until the spring of 1886, when, his health failing somewhat, he retired from business. In 1876, he started in the elevator business, and in the year 1883 his elevator and grocery store were entirely destroyed by fire, which resulted in a net loss of over $20,000. He was a stanch member of the Republican party, and belonged to the Masonic order.

Of the five children born to the worthy parents of our subject, he is the youngest, and received



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his early education in the common schools, which was supplemented by a course in the business college at Delaware, Ohio. In July, 1888, Mr. Vlerebome engaged in the elevator business at New Holland, and soon afterward associated with him Mr. George McCrea, the firm now being known as McCrea & Vlerebome. They handle annually over two hundred thousand bushels of wheat, and about the same amount of corn, and receive most all the custom of the township. Our subject is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, and is one of the most highly respected young men in the community, admired by all for his sagacious judgment and square dealings.

SAMUEL M. OWENS. Amid the numerous changes which fall to the lot of mankind, it is the happy fortune of but few to pass nearly three-quarters of a century upon the same homestead, endeared to them through its associations with the events of their youth, manhood and old age. Such, however, is the history of Mr. Owens, who resided upon his farm in Wayne Township, Pickaway County, for a period of almost seventy years. As may be imagined, he was known alike to old and young for miles around his home, and wherever known was highly esteemed. He died at his home, May 13, 1892.

At one time the owner of about one thousand acres, Mr. Owens was still a large land-owner at the time of his demise, having in his possession between eight hundred and nine hundred acres, all of which are located in Wayne Township, with the exception of a farm in Jackson Township, this county. In connection with general farming, he was always greatly interested in stock-raising and had a large number of cattle, hogs and horses on his place. He was always a great lover of fine horses and for nearly twenty years engaged as a breeder of draft horses, making a specialty of Normans. He also raised cattle for thirty years, and was a successful and judicious stock-raiser.

About the year 1815, William Owens brought his family from Montgomery County, Md., to Ohio, the journey being made in an old-fashioned two-wheel cart drawn by two horses. Locating in Jackson Township, he rented a tract of land and built a log cabin which remained his home for some time. Subsequently, he removed to Wayne Township, where he purchased land when the surrounding country was new and wild game was plentiful, especially deer and turkeys. His family consisted of his wife and two children: Samuel M., who was born in Montgomery County, Md., August 21, 1808, and Mary, widow of Samuel Campbell, who died about 1884 in Circleville, this State.

The removal from Maryland to Ohio was made when our subject was a lad of seven years, and his education was gained in the schools of Jackson Township, which were of a primitive character, both as to mode of instruction and furnishings. When about twenty-two years old, he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza, daughter of Aaron Sullivan, who settled in Ross County, Ohio, at an early day. The worthy couple lived together in happiness, sharing the trials and hardships of pioneer life and industriously working their way to independence and prosperity, until April 6, 1875, when Mrs. Owens was called from time to eternity. She was a faithful Christian, and for many years identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Eleven children were born of the union of our subject and his wife: Massie Ann is the wife of Frank Brown, a farmer of Jackson Township; William (deceased) married Martha Rector, and they became the parents of seven children; Sallie became the wife of Henry Caldwell and died at Ashville some years ago; Ellen married Daniel R. Knowles, a farmer of Wayne Township; Mary was united with Samuel Reigle and is now deceased; Ann M. is the wife of Daniel L. Knowles, a resident of Washington; Nancy is single and lives at home; Samuel married Mary Stevens and makes his home in Wayne Township; Marcus B. married Nina Jones and resides in Burlington Junction, Mo. Two died in infancy.

Reared an old-line Whig, Mr. Owens cast his first Presidential ballot for Henry Clay in 1832, and was a firm Republican after the organization of that party, although he did not take an active part in political affairs. As the years passed by, he

placed additional improvements on his place and in 1852 replaced the old log cabin which had been his home with an attractive and commodious residence in which his closing years were passed. Hard-working and persevering, he gained success and was numbered among the most prominent citizens of the county. His friends will therefore be pleased to read this sketch of his life, and will also notice with interest the accompanying portrait.

WILLIAM BAUDER, who died in Circleville, May 10, 1892, was one of the early settlers of Pickaway County, and was born three miles east of Schenectady, N. Y., in the year 1813. His grandfather was a farmer, descended from a high German family. His father, Peter Bauder, was a native of Herkimer County, and was a self-made man. He served as a teamster in the War of 1812. He engaged in farming until 1818, and then removed to Albany, where he remained until 1826, when he removed to West Troy. He afterward kept hotel in Albany and died in Jefferson County, N. Y., at about the age of seventy-four. For some time he was a member of the Methodist Church but afterward joined the Evangelical Association. He married Eliza Grace, who was born on the Isle of Man, and was a daughter of William Grace, a native of Ireland. On coming to America, he located in Albany, N. Y., where he spent the remainder of his life. After her husband's death, Mrs. Bauder went to Illinois and made her home with some of her children. She died in Naperville, that State, but was buried in Montgomery.

In the parental family were fourteen children, twelve of whom grew to mature years. Those still living are Peter, a retired merchant of Clinton, Iowa; Hon. Cyrenus, who served his district in the State Legislature and resides in Lee County, Iowa, near Ft. Madison; James, a farmer of Madison County, N. Y.; Gerald of Nashua, Iowa; and Jane and Allen, both of whom also reside in Nashua.

The subject of this sketch began his education in Albany, where the Lancasterian system of education was taught, there being four hundred scholars in one room. He there remained until thirteen years of age. He then began earning his own livelihood. When seventeen years of age, he was apprenticed to a carriage manufacturer under Amos Kendall, serving a term of three years. His employer was a skilled mechanic, and, under his instruction, Mr. Bauder advanced rapidly in the line of his work. He afterward bought out his employer and carried on a successful business for some time. In connection with his brother, he afterward engaged in the manufacture of wheelbarrows and again prospered in this line of work. In 1838, he came to Ohio, and built a shop in Dresden, but business did not pay in that place, and he removed to Circleville. He afterward engaged in business as a manufacturer of carriages and wagons and built up an excellent trade. The first buggy he made was for ex-Sheriff Wolfley. He had many hardships and difficulties to overcome, but by his enterprise and skill worked his way upward, acquiring an excellent patronage.

In 1839, in Zanesville, Ohio, Mr. Bauder was united in marriage with Miss Ann Fleming, who was born in New Jersey, and is a daughter of Abner Fleming, a farmer of Zanesville. Nine children were born of their union: Alex died at the age of seventeen years; the four next younger died in early life; Edson B. graduated from the High School and from Ann Arbor University of Michigan, has received the degrees of A. B., A. M. and LL. D., and is now a practicing attorney of Cleveland; George W. is engaged in business in Circleville; Mary is the wife of Dr. C. A. Foster, a prominent physician of Washington Court House; and William H. is Superintendent of the Edison Electric business in the Rocky Mountain district, and makes his home in Denver, Col.

Mr. Bauder returned to the East in 1843 and, with a capital of $3,000, embarked in the hotel business in Pine Wood, Madison County, N. Y. A year later, he established a carriage factory, which he carried on until 1846, when he returned to Circleville with only $2,000. He again worked at his trade in Circleville, and afterward bought a lot and built a carriage factory at the corner of Watt and Court Streets. For a number of years

he engaged in the manufacture of fine carriages and other vehicles and built up a most excellent trade, meeting with signal success. He invented two patents. In 1874, he took his son, George W., into partnership and ten years later sold out to him, since which time he has lived a retired life, devoting his attention to the care of his property. His carriages were sent all over the country. He employed from ten to twenty hands and did an extensive business. He built a great many residences, a number of which he still owns, including two dwellings on Pinkney Street. He also was interested in real estate in Iowa. He started out in life empty-handed, but by his own industrious efforts and perseverance he had acquired a handsome competence.

In politics, Mr. Bauder was a Democrat until the election of Lincoln, after which time he was a stanch Republican. He served as Township Treasurer, School Director and School Treasurer. Socially, he was an Odd Fellow and for years had been Treasurer of his lodge. He belonged to the Methodist Church, of which he was Trustee. Mr. Bauder was one of the oldest settlers in the city, and was a genial, jovial man and one who was held in high regard by his many friends throughout the community.

RICHARD M. JOHNSON. Among the varied and numerous occupations by means of which men seek fame and fortune, there is certainly none more free from worry and vexation of spirit than agriculture. In the country, surrounded on every side by waving fields of grain and all the beauties of nature, man's soul is possessed in calmness and he does not wear himself out as do the busy people who reside in the city. The subject of this sketch is numbered among those who enjoy the freedom and peace of farm life and makes his home in Fairfield Township, Madison County, where he is ranked among the wealthy farmers.

The parents of our subject, Thomas B. and Aletha (Reed) Johnson, were natives of Montgomery County, Md. In 1835, they emigrated to Ohio and located in what is now Oak Run Township, this county, soon after which they removed to Range Township. After a residence there of a short time, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson returned to Oak Run Township, where the former died in 1842; the mother departed this life September 9, 1863, in Fairfield Township.

The parental family included nine children, of whom our subject was the fifth child and fourth son. He was also born in Montgomery County, Md., his natal day being July 4, 1824. He was a lad of eleven years at the time of his parents' removal to this county and here grew to man's estate, remaining under the parental roof in Oak Run Township until 1857, when he took up his abode on the place where he is at present residing.

Mr. Johnson of this sketch was married in Summerford Township, this county, November 1, 1860, the lady of his choice being Miss Sarah Jane, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Patrick) Griffin, natives respectively of Ohio and Virginia. The parents of Mrs. Johnson were married in this State, after which they located on the line between Champaign and Madison Counties, where the mother died, August 31, 1864. The father, who survived her many years, departed this life in Macon County, Ill., August 10, 1880. Mrs. Johnson, who was born in Van Wert County, this State, January 12, 1834, was the fifth in order of birth of the parental family of nine children.

Of the two children born to our subject and his wife, one died in infancy and Imo passed away when two years old. Farming has been the life work of our subject and he is thoroughly informed regarding the peculiar qualities of soils, the best methods of fertilizing, and the rotation of crops which will produce the most desirable results. Having prospered, he is surrounded with all the comforts of life, and upon his estate will be found a complete line of buildings and the various improvements which might be expected of a man of progressive ideas. He is the proprietor of about twelve hundred acres of land and is one of the most prominent farmers and stock-raisers in Madison County.

Mr. Johnson takes an active interest in local

affairs and belongs to the Republican party, taking sufficient part in politics to keep well informed regarding the issues of the day. He has been Township Trustee, in which position he gave entire satisfaction to his fellow-citizens. With his wife, he is a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, giving liberally and cheerfully of his means for its support.

C A. CLARK, a druggist of Mt. Sterling, has been engaged in this business for several years. He is considered one of the enterprising and progressive business men of the place and a valued citizen. He was born in Mt. Sterling, January 6, 1858, and is a son of Alex and Lydia (Adkins) Clark, both of whom were natives of Virginia. Their marriage, however, was celebrated in this State. The father is a blacksmith and resides in Madison Mills, Fayette County. The family numbered thirteen children, eleven of whom grew to mature years, but Mrs. J. S. Smith died at the age of thirty-seven years, leaving four children. William is an attorney of Mr. Sterling; J. M. is engaged in the grocery trade in Mt. Sterling; J. N. is a physician of Madison Mills; J. S. is a blacksmith of Buena Vista, Fayette County; Mrs. Emma Crawford makes her home in Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. John Adams is living in Greenfield, Ohio, where her husband is engaged as a grain dealer; Mrs. W. M. Fulton is living on a farm in Range Township, Madison County; Mrs. Charles Snyder makes her home on a farm in Highland County, and Mildred is still with her parents.

When our subject was about two years old, his parents removed to Madison Mills, where he grew to manhood. In his boyhood, he aided his father in the blacksmith shop and attended school. Between the ages of thirteen and twenty years, he worked by the month upon a farm, and on attaining his majority found himself with a couple of horses, which he sold. He then began the study of medicine with his brother, in whose office he remained for two years, when he came to Mt. Sterling and was employed as a salesman for Dr. McClintock, with whom he remained for five years.

On the 1st of June, 1887, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Willie E. Larey, of Mt. Sterling, daughter of John and Julia Larey, and a native of Pickaway County, Ohio. Their union has been blessed with one child, a daughter, Cleo Belle, born May 18, 1888.

Having passed the examination for a pharmacist's certificate about a year after his marriage, Mr. Clark bought a half interest in the drug store of Dr. McClintock. Two years later, he bought out the drug store of P. H. Mandabach, and still continued to hold the half interest in the other store. A year later, he bought out Dr. McClintock and combined the two stocks in 1890. Mr. Clark has a full and complete stock of drugs and has a well-appointed store. He is doing a good business and well deserves his liberal patronage. In politics, he is a Democrat and cast his first Presidential vote for W. S. Hancock. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Masonic fraternity and the Odd Fellows' society. Himself and wife hold membership with the Methodist Church and are prominent people of Mt. Sterling.

D AVID C. THROCKMORTON, proprietor of the American Furniture Store, and one of the leading citizens of Circleville, was born in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, on the 18th of October, 1846, and is of Welsh descent. His grandfather, Ezekiel Throckmorton was a native of Wales. After his marriage, he emigrated to America and made a location in Ross County, Ohio, where he was engaged in broom making. He afterward removed to Missouri, settling near St. Louis, where he followed the occupation of farming until his death. The father of our subject, Thomas Throckmorton, was born in Ross County, Ohio, and learned the trade of broom making with his father. He afterward carried on that business at Jeffersonville, and established the first broom factory at that place. While on his way West in 1847, his death

occurred in Waterloo, Fayette County, Ohio. His wife bore the maiden name of Jale Jones, and is a daughter of John D. Jones, a native of Scotland. Her father was a school teacher, and followed that profession first in Virginia, and afterward at Pickaway, Ohio. In 1837, he became a teacher in Jefferson, after which he became a stock dealer, buying and shipping stock. His last days were spent in Washington C. H. where he died in 1860, at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a soldier in the Mexican War and served as a Sergeant under Gen. Taylor. The mother of our subject has, since her husband's death, become Mrs. Hickman, and resides in Circleville.

D. C. was the only child born unto Thomas Throckmorton and his wife. He was reared in his native county until ten years of age, when he removed with his mother to Lexington, Ky., and in 1859, went to Richmond, Ky., where he attended school. The year 1862 witnessed his return to Ohio. He was apprenticed to the shoemaker's trade under John Lisinger, and worked in that line until February, 1864, when he responded to the country's call for troops. He was then only seventeen years of age, but he became one of the boys in blue of Company K, Ninetieth Ohio Infantry. He was mustered in at Camp Douglas, became a musician and was sent South, joining Sherman's Army. He participated in the battles of Resaca, Dallas, Buzzard's Roost, Snake Gap, Dalton, Kenesaw Mountain, and all the engagements in which his regiment bore a part in the Atlanta campaign. He also fought in the battles of Spring Hill, Franklin, Columbia and Nashville. His regiment then returned home, but Mr. Throckmorton and a few recruits were sent to Texas with Gen. D. Stanley. Our subject served as his Orderly until discharged at Victoria on the 3d of October, 1865, being mustered out at Columbus in November following. He was one of the youngest soldiers in the service, but was none the less true and loyal, and may well be proud of his army record.

On his return to Circleville, Mr. Throckmorton was apprenticed to J. M. Duffy, a carriage maker, with whom he remained nine years. He became foreman of the factory, and during the last three years had almost control of the entire business. In 1883, began his connection with the furniture business. He worked with B. Kath for three years, during which time he did some fine cabinet-work, and for eighteen months was with Mr. Kath's successors, Maddy & Probst. In May, 1887, he began business for himself, establishing the American Furniture Store in the American House Block. His sale-room is 22x78 feet, and is well filled with a good stock of furniture of excellent designs. In connection with this he also does an extensive business in the manufacture of picture frames.

In Circleville, in 1877, Mr. Throckmorton married Miss Martha Forquer, a native of Perry County, Ohio, and a daughter of John Forquer of this place. Six children have been born of their union, five of whom are yet living: John, Martha, James, Thomas and Florence. Arthur, the first child, died at the age of two and a half years.

In April, 1891, Mr. Throckmorton was elected a member of the City Council on the Democratic ticket, and is still filling that office. He has proved himself a capable officer and well merits the honor conferred upon him. Socially, he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and is the youngest member of Groce Post, G. A. R. He also belongs to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and is a member of the Knights of St. John, and a stanch advocate of Democracy. He is recognized as one of the leading business men of Circleville and is now enjoying a liberal patronage, of which he is well deserving, and his courteous treatment and upright dealings have won the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

SCOTT CHENOWETH. Among the prominent and leading agriculturists of Madison County who are selected for representation in this biographical work, we take pleasure in presenting the worthy subject of this sketch. Mr. Chenoweth, who is a resident of Range Township, is a native of this place, having been born here December 11, 1855. He is a son of Jeremiah

B. and Elizabeth (Bostwick) Chenoweth, for a further history of whom the reader is referred to their sketch on another page in this volume.

He of whom we write was given a fair education in the common schools and began to do for himself after attaining his eighteenth year. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage, December 28, 1876, to Miss Anna Rowlen, of Range Township, Madison County. She was born in Monroe Township, Pickaway County, August 10, 1855, and is the daughter of Josiah and Harriet Hill Rowlen, who are residing at the present time in London, this State. Mrs. Chenoweth received an excellent education, and by her union with our subject became the mother of four children, viz: Edgar, who was born December 4, 1878; Ersel and Mabel (twins), born March 21, 1884, and Homer R., August 19, 1888.

Mrs. Chenoweth was accidentally killed by being struck by the morning train from Cincinnati, on April 1, 1890. She had just left her home and was driving along in a buggy, when the 9:15 train rushed along much faster than usual, sounding neither whistle nor bell. Mrs. Chenoweth was thirty-four years of age at the time of her death, and was the daughter of Josiah Rowlen, of London, to whose home her remains were removed. She was a woman of remarkable character, and was dearly beloved by all with whom she came in contact, her friends being as numerous as her acquaintances. Her pleasant home, which was located six miles from Mt. Sterling, was characterized by all the comforts of rural life, and was one of the most hospitable in this locality. Mr. Chenoweth was tendered the sympathy of the entire community in this most sad bereavement, and the immense concourse of people which was present at the funeral testified to the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

In his political relations, our subject is a true-blue Republican, and was a candidate before the convention for the nomination of Sheriff, but was defeated by a small majority. He has served his party as a delegate to various conventions and is active in all measures which tend to the development and upbuilding of this community. In the division of his father's property, he fell heir to two hundred and fifty acres of the estate, which he has placed under excellent cultivation, and erected thereon two substantial dwellings and a barn. He has laid five thousand rods of tile on the place, and by his industry and good judgment, has caused it to be ranked among the very best in the township.

EDWIN N. GUNSAULUS, editor and proprietor of the *London Times*, a Republican organ, and the oldest paper published in Madison County, is a young man whose strong individuality, cultured mind and executive ability of a high order, place him among the leaders of his profession in this part of the State. He is a native of Mt. Liberty, Knox County, Ohio, his birthplace, and December 13, 1859, the date of his advent into the family of Dr. C. and Eliza Gunsaulus, who are now residents of Centreburgh, that county, he being the second of their three children.

During his boyhood, his parents removed to Mt. Vernon, whence, a short time after, they went, in 1875, to Mt. Gilead, Morrow County, where his education was continued, and in 1878 he was graduated from school with the highest honors. Soon after, he began his journalistic career by entering the office of the *Morrow County Sentinel*, the Republican organ of that county, and besides mastering all the details of the printer's art, he did local and editorial work on the paper, thereby acquiring invaluable experience.

Thus well equipped for the profession, he purchased the *Centreburgh Gazette*, in 1882, and became a full-fledged editor, with promises of a successful career that have been amply fulfilled. He conducted that paper until December, 1887, when he disposed of his interests in it to become half owner of the *London Times*, and at the same time he resigned the office of Mayor of Centreburgh, to which he had been elected in the spring of that year as a Republican. In September, 1890, Mr. Gunsaulus purchased his partner's interest in the

Times, and is at present sole editor and proprietor of the same. This paper, as before mentioned, is the oldest published in Madison County, and is recognized as the mouthpiece of the local Republican party, whose every utterance anent politics carries with it weight and influence. Before the paper came into the hands of Mr. Gunsaulus, it had passed through many vicissitudes, and had suffered of late years by reason of frequent changes of proprietors and loose management. When our subject gained control of it, with characteristic energy and resolution, he set about bringing it back to its old-time vigor, and in this he has been more than successful.

In July, 1891, a complete new outfit of type was purchased as well as a gas engine and all the accessories necessary to the equipment of a first-class, modern paper and job office. The *Times* was enlarged from a nine-column folio to an eight-page, seven-column paper, and now ranks as one of the leading newspapers of the State, with an appearance second to none, and with a large and constantly increasing circulation.

Our subject is very happily situated in regard to his domestic relations. He was married March 28, 1889, to Miss Harriet N. Mitchell, who is also a native of Knox County, and is a daughter of Spencer and Harriet Mitchell. To Mr. and Mrs. Gunsaulus a son was born February 28, 1890, whom they have named Paul Mitchell.

ROTH BROS., the individual members of the firm being George E. and William Roth, are live, energetic business men, and have been engaged in the tannery business since September, 1872. They are wealthy citizens of Circleville and are truly self-made men, for they had very little to start with. They have all the thrift and energy of their German ancestors and are possessed of all those qualities that make useful and influential citizens.

The father, George Roth, was born in Prussia, Germany, near Mecklenburg, and, like the majority of his native countrymen, learned a trade. He became a tanner and operated a tannery at Wismar, that country, for many years. He was in the Home Guards while in his native country. In 1855, he took passage for America with his son and after residing at Harmony, Ohio, for a short time, in 1856 removed to Jeffersonville, Fayette County, and there remained for a number of years. In 1872, he came to Circleville, Ohio, and bought a tannery owned by a Mr. Jackson. This he remodeled and improved in every way, and carried on until his death, in 1876. Afterward, the two sons, George E. and William, took charge of the business. Aside from the tannery, the father owned four hundred acres of improved land near Jeffersonville, and was a wide-awake, industrious citizen. He was a Republican in politics, and in religion was of the Baptist persuasion. To his marriage were born seven children, as follows: George E.; Fredrick, who resides in New Mexico, and is a big ranchman; Albert, is a farmer of Madison County, Ohio; Joannah, is Mrs. Henry Clausing, and resides in Fayette County, Ohio; William; Adolph died at the age of nineteen; and Lewis who died when fifteen years of age.

George E. Roth, the eldest of this family, was born in Wismar, Germany, on the 15th of September, 1839, and remained there until fourteen years of age. His greatest desire at that time was to become a sailor, and he became a cabin-boy on a merchantman, with which he remained three years. He was on the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea during this time, and weathered many severe storms and gales. When he returned home, he was a boy of seventeen, and he came with his parents and brothers and sister to America. They were twenty-six days on the ocean, and after reaching American soil they came immediately to Jeffersonville, Fayette County, Ohio, where the father followed his trade as mentioned before. After the death of the father, George E. and William bought the tannery in Circleville from the other heirs and immediately commenced making improvements. This is the largest enterprise of the kind in the county and reflects much credit upon its owners. They built a brick addition, and the building is now one hundred and twenty feet square and is two stories in height. It is on one and three-

quarter acres, situated at the foot of Main Street, on the canal, and they work one hundred and fifty hides per week. This enterprise is operated with steam power, there are one hundred vats, and one thousand cords of oak bark are used yearly. Eighteen hands are employed and everything is superintended by these thorough-going business men themselves. George E. Roth owns five hundred and two acres in Fayette County, Ohio, near Holland, and is engaged quite extensively in stock-raising.

These brothers own two stores in the old Welding Block on Main Street, and George E. owns a fine residence on the corner of Sciota and Watt Streets. This was built by himself and is two stories in height, made of the finest pressed brick, and is valued at $10,000. He and his brother built another house in 1882, but he sold his interest to his brother in 1891. Mr. Roth is a stockholder in the First National Bank, and is one of the substantial men of the county. He was married in Jeffersonville, Fayette County, to Miss Lizzie Millenpaulen, a native of Prussia, who came to this country with an uncle when sixteen years of age. Two children have been born to this union: Adolphus F., now book-keeper at the Straw Board Works, which position he has held for the past seven years, since the age of sixteen years, and George E., who is attending the High School of Circleville. Mr. Roth is a member of the Baptist Church, and was Trustee of the same for some time. In politics, he is an advocate of Republican principles.

William Roth was born in Wismar, Germany, on the 18th of July, 1849, and was but six years of age when he came to America with his parents. He was early trained to the tanner's trade, but in connection is also engaged in farming, and has been very successful in both occupations. He received a very limited education, and was hired out when but a lad for the modest sum of $5 per month. Later, he received $10 per month, and subsequently assisted his father in the tannery and on the farm, being on the farm principally. In 1872, he came to Circleville, where he worked in the tannery, and in 1876 he and his brother George E. purchased it. In 1882, he and his brother built the American House, one of the popular hotels in the city. William Roth subsequently bought his brother's interest and is sole proprietor of the building and grounds, and is also the owner of two hundred and two acres in Fayette County, Ohio. He also owns two business buildings, with his brother, in the city, three stories and basement in height, and he also owns one-half interest in a large three-story building on Main Street, and has a fine residence on Sciota Street, which cost $6,000. He selected his wife in the person of Miss Carrie Mills, a native of Muskingum County, Ohio, who was educated in Zanesville, Ohio. They have two daughters, Anna and Lulu, both taking music lessons, the former on the piano and the latter on the violin, and both showing considerable talent. Like his brother, our subject is a stanch Republican in his political views.

STERLING W. PRICE. This well-known merchant of Range Township, Madison County, is everywhere respected for his sterling worth and excellent business qualifications. His store is well stocked with a full line of general merchandise and attracts attention because of the nicety in which it is kept. Our subject was born in El Paso, Ill., June 14, 1862, and is a son of Will am and Hannah (Duff) Price.

The parents of our subject came to Range Township, Madison County, when Sterling W. was three years of age. The father, who is still living, is a retired farmer, and our subject was also reared to agricultural pursuits and received a good education in the common schools. He was an apt pupil, made the best of his opportunities, and when nineteen years of age was enabled to teach school, which occupation he followed for four years. During vacations he clerked for Hewitt Bros., at Sedalia, and March 1, 1887, opened up his present business, being enabled to put in only a small stock of goods. He is a man with a clear, sound judgment, and as the years passed by enlarged his store, until now he does a thriving and prosperous business.

Samuel Boyd

Mr. Price has never married and is the fifth in a family of seven children born to his parents, all of whom are living. Politically, he is a Democrat, casting his first Presidential vote in 1884 for Cleveland. He joined the ranks of the Masons in 1891, and is classed among the public-spirited, progressive and enterprising citizens of Range Township, and enjoys to the fullest the confidence of the best in the community.

LEMUEL BOGGS. No name is more worthy of honor and distinction in the annals of Pickaway County than that of Boggs, which is inseparably linked with its rise and growth from the very first days of its settlement to the present time. It is one of the members of this family whose portrait and life sketch are here presented, Lemuel Boggs being one of the fourth generation of its representatives that have had their homes in this beautiful and highly favored region. He is a native of the county, born in Pickaway Township January 16, 1845; is a leader in its business and financial circles, is one of its most successful farmers, and is a conspicuous figure in its public and political life.

Our subject is descended from an old Virginia family. His grandfather, Maj. John Boggs, was a son of John and Jane (Irwin) Boggs, who lived on a small stream in Virginia that empties into the Ohio, and is called Boggs' Run. During the time of the Indian troubles, the family took refuge in the fort at Wheeling. Prior to that, the Indians had surprised and captured the eldest son, William, within sight of the other members of the terror-stricken family, whom the red-skins intended to capture too, or to massacre; but upon questioning the boy, whom they had conveyed to a place of security, he told them that there were seven or eight men at the house, and so saved his friends, as the Indians considered that too great a number for them to attack. They believed the lad's story, as they had seen several men about the farm engaged in harvesting, and supposed that they slept at the house at night, which was by no means the case, the father being the only man there.

The capture of the Major's brother occurred in 1781 or 1782, when the Major was but six years old. The brave boy was taken to West Liberty, near the present site of Urbana, Ohio, where he was detained about nineteen months, and then exchanged and sent home. His father did not recognize him in his Indian habiliments, even after an extended conversation with him. Another son of John and Jane Boggs was killed on Ohio soil, opposite Wheeling, by the Indians. He was returning from a hunting expedition, with half a dozen comrades, and they were encamped for the night, when the savages stole upon them and fired into their midst as they slept. Young Boggs was wounded, but, sitting crippled on the ground, made a desperate fight before he was finally dispatched with a tomahawk, his companions escaping in the meantime.

Maj. John Boggs was born May 10, 1775, and came to Pickaway County in 1798. His party floated down the Ohio River on a keel-boat to the mouth of the Scioto, and from there went by barge up the latter stream to the station below Chillicothe. At that place, they left their boat, and proceeded towards the source of the stream on foot, to a point within the present limits of Greene Township, Ross County, from which they could look far up the valley upon a scene of the richest and most peaceful loveliness. Little did they dream of the teeming life that that lovely and fertile valley would one day hold, or of the signs of industry, wealth, culture and happiness it was destined to display.

The Boggs family found that some pioneer had been before them in selecting land in that region, and as in the ethics of the early settlers it was considered highly dishonorable to locate where another had made a beginning, however small, they continued their course up the stream to the Pickaway Plains, where John Boggs, Sr., selected a site, and subsequently entered six hundred and forty acres of land. His son, the Major, went up the Congo to the place where stands the Logan Elm, beneath whose boughs Logan, Chief of the Mingos, made his famous speech, when Lord Dunmore,

Royal Governor of Virginia, in 1774, concluded the treaty of peace with the Indians, whereby the Northwest Territory was thrown open for settlement.

After selecting a suitable location for his future home, and preparing a rude dwelling, Maj. Boggs returned to Boggs' Run, Ohio County, Va., and was there married in the year 1800 to Sarah McMecken. He brought her back with him to the spot he had chosen for their habitation, and here they dwelt in peace and plenty for many years, and reared a large family of children, nine in number, namely: William, Jane, Lemuel, John, Nancy, Lydia, Moses, James, and Sydney, all of whom are deceased. The Major was a man of very industrious habits, who did with a will whatever he undertook, and toiled early and late in the work of clearing a farm, working patiently against many disadvantages to make improvements, but with ultimate success. In time, he became one of the wealthiest men of the county, accumulating a valuable property, including eighteen hundred acres of land in Pickaway Township, and two thousand acres in Indiana, beside his personal effects. The humble log cabin in which he and his wife first began their wedded life he replaced by a more commodious residence, built probably in 1816, and still standing in a good state of preservation. Soon after settling here, he erected a flouring-mill near the mouth of Scipio Creek, which was the first gristmill in the Scioto Valley north of Chillicothe, and was known for many years as Boggs' Mill.

In 1810, Maj. Boggs commenced boating, and took the first load of flour to New Orleans that was ever sent out of the Scioto Valley. He made three trips to the Crescent City, and returned on foot or on horseback, having to pass through the country of the Indians, and to keep a sharp lookout for robbers in all parts of the journey. He met with no mishap or bodily harm, and with but one loss of money. That was when a tavern-keeper, with whom he and his friend, Daniel Crouse, stopped, picked the lock of his saddle-bags and took from them $300 in silver, with which he paid a debt to Crouse. The Major did not discover his loss until he arrived at home; but, though the tavern-keeper, to whom he applied for information, acknowledged his guilt, he never recovered the money.

Maj. Boggs received his title for active service in the War of 1812. He was a man who was universally respected, and, though not a member of any church, was a warm friend to religion, and contributed liberally to aid its progress. He was a Democrat, and a great admirer of "Old Hickory." He died February 6, 1862, at the home of his son Moses, that date being the anniversary of his father's death, February 6, 1827, and it is a curious fact that they had attained nearly the same age at the time of death, for had they lived until their next birthday they would have been eighty-seven years old. Maj. Boggs had been twice married. His first wife died December 31, 1851, and he subsequently married her sister, Mrs. Jane Taylor, in Zanesville. He had been living in that place a number of years, when he was taken sick, and he then returned to Pickaway County "to die," as he said.

Moses Boggs, the father of our subject, was the third son, and seventh child, of Maj. John Boggs, and was the last of the family born in the old log cabin which his father built on Congo Creek, near the Logan Elm, the date of his birth being August 27, 1814. He became a farmer and large landholder, having about twelve hundred acres, and he also dealt in stock to a considerable extent. August 3, 1841, he was married to Miss Margaret S., daughter of Judge Cook, of Ross County. His death occurred December 7, 1865, when he was not much past the meridian of life. His wife died in 1887, aged seventy years. The following of their seven children are living: John M., a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, a prominent farmer, residing near La Fayette, Ind., and President of the Indiana State Board of Agriculture; Scott, a farmer of Pickaway Township, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; William, a graduate of the Ohio Wesleyan University, and now a farmer, residing near La Fayette, Ind., and Sarah T.

Sarah T. Boggs is an intelligent and highly cultured lady, who has been liberally educated. She attended a select school at Chillicothe some time during her girlhood. In 1872, she entered Cornell College, at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where she was closely

engaged in scientific studies for two years. After she left college her mind was further broadened by travel, as she journeyed with her mother, who had poor health, for several years. She has resided at Kingston since 1885, where she has a pleasant home. She is wealthy, and an extensive landowner, having one thousand and forty-five acres of land in Pickaway Township, of which five hundred and eighty are located on the Scioto Bottoms.

The boyhood days of Lemuel Boggs were passed on his father's farm. He was given every advantage to obtain a fine education, laying its foundation in the local district school, afterwards pursuing his studies at Mt. Pleasant Academy, at Kingston, and finally graduating with honor from the scientific course at the Wesleyan University, in 1866. When his college days were over, he returned home, and immediately took up farming and stock-raising. He has four hundred and fifty acres of very fine land in his home farm in Pickaaway Township, known as Elmwood, which is a beautiful and sightly place. His large brick residence stands on a high elevation in the midst of a fine grove of forest trees, and other commodious buildings adorn the place. He also has three hundred and thirty acres in Perry Township, and handles a good deal of stock, besides dealing extensively in grain. In 1876, he built an elevator at Elmwood, a station on the Norfolk & Western Railway a few rods from his residence, and has bought and shipped large quantities of grain ever since, as he is surrounded by one of the most productive corn and wheat regions in the State.

Mr. Boggs has, on several occasions, served as executor of estates some of them very large. He was executor for that of his uncle, the late John Boggs, which was one of the largest ever settled in this county. It comprised large personal interests and about nine thousand acres of land, nearly three thousand of which were located in Pickaway County. Our subject settled up his father's estate, too, and has been actively engaged in business affairs ever since. In 1883, he assisted in organizing the Scioto Valley Bank, at Kingston, and has served as its President ever since 1885, his vigorous and healthy administration of its affairs making it a powerful factor in local financial circles. He is a thorough business man, is possessed of fine social qualities, and stands high in the estimation of all who know him, and his friends and acquaintances are many.

In 1870, Mr. Boggs was married to Miss Jennie, daughter of the Hon. John Groce, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work, and their domestic relations are of the pleasantest. Three children have been born unto them: Nellie G., Margie C., and John.

Our subject is a stanch and influential Republican, and his counsels are often sought by his party. In 1877, he was a candidate for State Senator, showing himself a strong man in the race, but his party was too hopelessly in the minority to elect him. The following year he was honored with the nomination for Representative, and ran ahead of his ticket. His popularity is best shown by the fact that he has held the responsible office of Treasurer of the Township for the past six years, although the township is overwhelmingly Democratic. He is well known in social circles as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Knights of Pythias, and of other orders of like character.

LYMAN JONES, who represents one of the old pioneer families of Ohio, is one of the practical, well-to-do farmers of Pickaway Township, his farm, the old homestead formerly belonging to his father, being among the best managed and most productive in this section of the county of Pickaway. Mr. Jones is a native of this county, born in Salt Creek Township, near the Ross County line, January 28, 1841. His father, the late Abel Jones, who was widely known and honored as one of our best citizens during his residence here, was born in Ross County, October 31, 1810, a son of Aaron Jones, a Virginian, who came to Ohio about the beginning of the century, and was one of the first settlers of Ross County, where he carried on his occupation as a farmer until his demise. He had three sons, one of whom is living, and six daughters, all of whom are dead.

The father of our subject was reared under pioneer influences to stalwart, sturdy, self-reliant manhood, and in due time began his independent career as a farmer, in which he met with more than ordinary success, as he was a cool calculator, was shrewd and sagacious in money matters, and was thrifty and energetic in carrying on his work. He purchased a farm in Salt Creek Township shortly after his marriage, having earned his first money by teaching school for some terms, he being very well educated. In early life he dealt extensively in stock, feeding a bunch of cattle every winter, for which he always found a good market. In the course of years, he became one of the wealthy men of the county, accumulating a valuable property, including some sixteen hundred acres of land in Salt Creek and Pickaway Townships, and in Ross County, six hundred acres lying in that county.

Mr. Jones continued to live on his farm in Salt Creek Township until 1864, when he removed to Pickaway Township, where he had purchased land, and here his long and well-spent life was brought to a close by his death January 5, 1892. He left behind him a golden record of one who had lived uprightly, had been straightforward and conscientious in his dealings, was exemplary in all his acts, and was well worthy of the trust and respect in which he was held by the entire community who knew him so well. He was eminently a self-made man, beginning life with no other capital than a sound, well-trained mind, and good physical powers, and his course might well be followed by the young men to-day, who are just entering upon their careers. Mr. Jones was much indebted for his success to the faithful and efficient help that he received from his good wife, who was his counselor and companion for many years, until her death in 1887. Her maiden name was Catherine Dresbach and she was a daughter of Martin Dresbach. Her parents came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in an early day and were among the first settlers of Ross County, where she was born October 3, 1815.

Lyman Jones is the eldest of nine children, of whom eight are living. He was educated in the district school, and he early became familiar with all kinds of farm work. He always remained with his father, affording him valuable assistance in the management of his extensive interests, and at the same time gaining that clear insight into business matters that has been the keynote of his own success. He is the executor of his father's estate, a position for which he is well qualified on account of his accurate knowledge of his father's affairs, his excellent administrative ability, and because he will settle everything with perfect fairness and with good judgment.

Our subject has a fine farm of two hundred acres that he inherited from his father, who bequeathed it to him in his will. He and his sister are living together on the old homstead, and have here a very pleasant home, comfortable and cozy in the extreme. Mr. Jones is a sound Republican in politics, and is in every way a good citizen of his native county, with whose interests his own are so closely connected.

SAMUEL E. ADAMS. One of the most notable examples of success furnished by the mercantile establishments of Washington C. H. is that of the dry-goods and notion store owned and conducted by Mr. Adams. Although of recent inception, it has enjoyed a steady increase in facilities and trade, until at the present time it is one of the leading establishments of the kind in Fayette County.

The proprietor of the store, to whom is due the large measure of success enjoyed, is a native of Fayette County, and was born in Perry Township, August 19, 1850. His father, Trustin Adams, removed from Delaware to Ohio in 1832, and began merchandising in Monroe, Highland County, where he remained for some time. The latter part of his active life was spent in farming pursuits, in which he met with success until the infirmities of age compelled him to cease from his labors. He passed away from this life February 9, 1892.

At the age of fourteen, our subject began clerking for his father and, while quite young, gained a practical idea of business. His father selling out to his brother and brother-in-law, he remained with them for a time, but being desirous to in-

crease his education, he took a commercial course in the business college at Portsmouth, Ohio. Afterward, he clerked for G. W. Anderson & Co., of that city, then visited Kansas and spent a short time at Wamego. Returning to the old homestead, he assisted his father in his farming operations until 1871, when he entered the store of his brother, W. B. Adams, at Greenfield, Highland County.

After remaining twenty months with his brother, our subject came to Washington C. H. and in January, 1882, embarked in business as a grocer. His store building was a small building on Court, between Fayette and North Streets, but after geting fairly started, he removed to a larger building in the same block. He continued in the grocery business, which he constantly enlarged, until September 9, 1887, when he sold out. November 10 following, he embarked in the notion trade, and in the spring of 1888 added a full line of dry-goods. In September, 1891, he removed to the block which he at present occupies, on the corner of Court and Fayette Streets. He gives constant employment to three clerks, and is often compelled to add extra help during the busy seasons.

When freed from business cares, Mr. Adams finds leisure and enjoyment of all the comforts of home at his residence on the corner of Washington Avenue and Hopkins Street. The other members of his family are his wife, formerly Miss Alice Gustin, of Wilmington, Ohio, to whom he was married July 5, 1883, and their three sons: Lee Offa, Gilbert Gustin and William Eben. Mr. Adams is Steward in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife is also a devoted member.

WILLIAM H. JONES, M. D. This highly esteemed gentleman, who is making his home in Jeffersonville, Fayette County, was born in North Wales on the 12th of February, 1816. His parents were William and Jane Jones, both natives of Wales. The father was by trade a miller and carried on that business in his native country until his death, which occurred in 1815. He ran a watermill, and when a farmer sent his grain to his mill he would weigh it and put the amount down in a book, and when ground and bolted he would again weigh it and then make out a ticket stating the weight of the grain and its products, thus showing whether or not the customer received his own product or not. At his death, he left a wife and six children: Thomas, William H.; Davis, who is a resident of Cincinnati and has a very prominent family of sons engaged in the electric business; and Abel. The rest of the number are deceased.

The subject of this life history was educated in his native country until fourteen years of age, having studied Latin and the histories of all foreign countries. He was taken from school and bound out in a printing office for a period of seven years, but after a short time his eyesight became very poor, and he was released from his apprenticeship. Mr. Jones then went to work at the trade of a cabinet-maker and carpenter, and followed this for some years. When about twenty-three years of age, he went to Manchester, England, and in 1842 set sail for America, taking passage at Liverpool on a sailing-vessel and landing at New York City after an uneventful voyage of seven or eight weeks. He remained a short time in this great city, when he went to Washington, D. C., and there met a Senator from Ohio, of whom he asked something in regard to Ohio. He was only answered in a short and rude manner, which he did not at all like. Not believing all the people of the Buckeye State to be like this one whom he had met, he went to Cincinnati and began working at stair-building. Subsequently, he began the study of medicine and was graduated from the Eclectic Medical College in 1849, having built the stairs in the college for part of his tuition.

After his graduation, Dr. Jones began to practice in Oak Hill, Jackson County, Ohio, remaining at that place about two years. At the expiration of this time, he came to Jeffersonville, Fayette County, and has since then been engaged in his practice in this place and is highly honored and esteemed by every one with whom he comes in contact. The Doctor is now in his seventy-sixth

year and has a fine experience as a physician, and has performed some very difficult and noted operations in surgery. By his perseverance and thrift, he has laid up for himself and family a comfortable competency for a rainy day and makes his home in a handsome dwelling one mile from town.

Dr. Jones was married, February 7, 1852, to Olivia Hidy, by whom he has six children living: Humphrey, William, Mary J., Carey, Emma and Minnie. The two sons are prominent attorneys in Washington C. H. Emma O., the second daughter, is a graduate of the Chicago Medical College and has held some important positions in hospitals, etc. She is now practicing medicine at Jeffersonville with good success. She has had several severe cases of diphtheria, but has never lost a case. Dr. Jones and his estimable wife are members of the Universalist Church.

J. M. BAER is Chief of the Fire Department at Circleville. There is nothing which adds so much to the safety and security of the people of a town or city as an active, well-trained, vigilant and excellently equipped fire department. The history of the measures for fire prevention in Circleville is an interesting one, for the handy "blue bucket," and the nimble feet of such as would help, composed the equipments of the early residents. Now there is a fire department that is a credit to the city. Mr. Baer, who is Chief of the Fire Department, is a practical and first-class engineer, and is one who thoroughly understands his business. He was born in Jackson Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, as was also his father, John Baer. The grandfather, John Baer, Sr., was originally from the Keystone State, but an early settler of Pickaway County, Ohio, where he purchased a wild piece of land in Jackson Township, on Darby Creek. On this he erected a rude log hut, and there passed the remainder of his days. He was of German descent.

John Baer, Jr., father of our subject, was reared amid pioneer scenes, and received his scholastic training in the log schoolhouse of early days. At an early age he commenced farming and stock-raising for himself, purchased a farm, and on this died, September 20, 1852, when about thirty-five years of age. He was married in Pickaway County to Miss Catherine Starritt, a native of Pennsylvania, who came with her father, Solomon, to Ohio, when but a child. Here she grew to womanhood, and married Mr. Baer. After the death of her husband, she kept the family on the farm until 1867, when she sold out and moved to Marion, Ohio. There she resides at the present time, and is now Mrs. Wilson, having married again. By her marriage to Mr. Baer she became the mother of six children, as follows: An infant (deceased), J. M. (our subject), Elizabeth (Mrs. Rector), who resides in South Bloomfield; John, with our subject in the fire department; Sarah (Mrs. Morn, of Columbus), and Franklin, who died at the age of twelve years.

Our subject's birth occurred on the 6th of January, 1845, and his time was divided in youth between working on the farm and attending school taught in the primitive log schoolhouse of pioneer days. He attended principally during the winter months until seventeen years of age, and at the age of twenty he began farming on a part of the old place, the same, consisting of five hundred and six acres, being left by the grandfather. This he continued for two years, and then rented a farm four miles from Circleville, and carried on seven hundred acres, when only twenty-three years of age. In 1879, he located in Circleville, and for two and one-half years was engineer in the Heffner warehouse. Previous to this, when about sixteen years of age, he was engaged with a threshing-machine and continued with it all one fall. He had always delighted in machinery of all kinds, and when he was seventeen years of age he came to Circleville and began learning the machinist's trade. Eight months after, he returned to the farm, but his love of machinery lingered with him, and when twenty years of age he was the owner of a threshing-machine, used steam, and threshed all over the western part of the county. He became one of the best-known threshers, and continued in this business

for twenty-two years. He then came to Circleville, as above mentioned, and in 1881 became Engineer of the Fire Department, holding that position for two years. He then resigned, and one year later was placed on the police force, which position he held for thirteen months, and again resigned. For four years after this he was in the employ of what was then the Portage Straw Board Company, but what is now the American Straw Board Company; and after this, in May, 1889, he was appointed Chief of the Fire Department, by Mayor Bolin (now deceased), and re-appointed by Mayor Lowe.

Mr. Baer was married in Jackson Township, Pickaway County, to Miss Virginia Buckles, a native of Darby Township, the same county. The fruits of this union have been three children: Cynthia, a graduate of the High School of Circleville; Franklin, at home; and Cora. Mr. Baer's second marriage was to a sister of his first wife, Miss Rosaltha Buckles, who was also a native of Darby Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. Her father, Rev. Abraham Buckles, was a minister in the Methodist Church. Mr. Baer had the misfortune to lose his second wife. She left two children, Walter and Henry. Mr. Baer is a Democrat in his political views, and is a member of the Democratic Club. He has been a delegate to county and State conventions, and is at present Chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee. In 1891, he was Chairman of the Executive Committee of the county. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ALBERT HANER, M. D. This esteemed resident of Plain City is a New Yorker by birth, having been born in Chautauqua County, N. Y., October 16, 1832. His father, Henry H. Haner, was also a native of the Empire State, and was born in Rensselaer County, seven miles from Albany. He was a farmer by occupation and as early as 1838 removed to what is now Wyandot, Ohio, where he continued his work as a farmer. Later, he made his home in Franklin County, Kan., seven miles from Ottawa, where, in 1863, he bought a farm and there resided until his death, which took place when he was eighty-seven years old. His father, Philip Haner, a native of Germany, lived to attain the very venerable age of one hundred and ten years.

The mother of our subject was known in maidenhood as Sarah Strope, daughter of John Strope, a German by birth. She was born in the State of New York, and lived to be sixty-nine years old. There were nine children in the family into which our subject was born, seven being daughters and two sons. All grew to years of maturity and five are now living. Dr. Haner, who was the sixth child in order of age, was only six years old when he came to this State with his parents. His first school advantages were given him at Wyandot, and he began his medical studies at the Eclectic College of Cincinnati, where he attended lectures during the years 1856, 1857 and 1858. Having taken his diploma in that institution, he located in Cincinnati, and for seven years carried on an active practice in that city. It must have been rather startling to a young practitioner to be called, as he was, in the very first case that was put into his hands, to a small-pox patient.

It was in 1861 that the young Doctor removed to Urbana, where he remained for two years, and in 1863 came to Plain City, which has since been his home. His marriage took place in Wyandot, Ohio, in 1852, his bride being Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Leonard, a native of Ohio. Dr. and Mrs. Haner are the parents of two sons. Their eldest, Jacob Leonard, is a graduate of the law department of the Michigan University at Ann Arbor, taking his degree there in 1891. He is married to Lydia, the daughter of Harrison Miller, of Union County, Ohio, and makes his home in Columbus. The second son, William Henry, is in the grain business at Plain City, and is carrying on an extensive trade in buying, selling and shipping. He is united in marriage with Rosa, the daughter of Jeremiah Douglas, of Putnam County, Ohio.

Dr. Haner has an extensive practice and at one time carried on a drug trade of a considerable extent but closed out this line of business on account of his large practice. He is a Mason, and a mem-

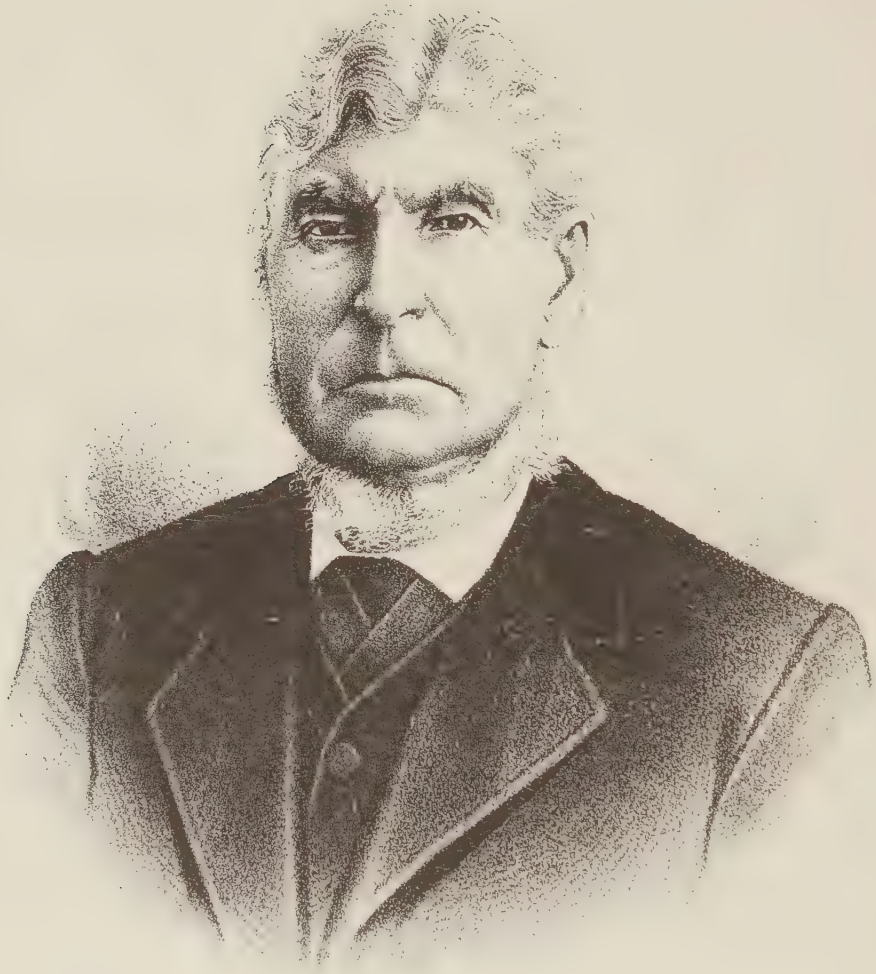
ber of the Urania Lodge of Plain City, besides being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, of Plain City. Mrs. Haner is in business and carries on one of the best dry-goods houses in the city, and the family, one and all, have the esteem and respect of those with whom they are brought into business and social relations.

ROBERT MILLIKIN, residing on his well-developed farm, which is very pleasantly situated on the East Turnpike, six miles south of Plain City, on the fertile lands of Canaan Township, is one of Madison County's sturdy, thrifty, forehanded farmers, who understands well how to conduct agriculture with good profit.

Mr. Millikin was born in Washington County, Pa., April 15, 1832, and is a son of John Millikin, who was also a native of that county, born on the banks of Ten Mile Creek, August 15, 1807. He was reared on a farm, and became a stock-dealer and a drover of hogs, cattle, and sheep, which he often shipped to Baltimore and other cities. His family history is given in the sketch of his brother James. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Rachel Bane, and she was born in the same Pennsylvania county as himself, her birth occurring December 25, 1811. Her father, James Bane, was likewise a native of the Keystone State, and was of German descent. The parents of our subject were married in their native county in 1828, and located on a farm in that part of Pennsylvania. The mother died in July, 1854, and the father was afterward married to Cornelia Dodd, widow of Lemuel Lewallen. In 1856, he came to Ohio with his second wife, and settled in Canaan Township, where he was actively engaged in farming until within five years of his death, when he retired from business, and spent his remaining days in Plain City, dying February 23, 1881. While a resident of his native county, he had been prominent as a local Democrat, and as an incumbent of various township offices, and he was an able man. He was closely identified with the interests of the Presbyterian Church as one of its most useful members. This is the record of his children, three sons and one daughter, who were all born of his first marriage: James B., born October 3, 1830, died in Union County, Ohio, March 28, 1886; Robert is our subject, and is the second child and second son in order of birth; Annie E. was born October 9, 1835, married S. D. Andrew, and died in Franklin County, February 9, 1889; John L., born August 18, 1842, resides in Canaan Township.

Our subject was reared in his native place, and obtained his education in the common schools. He remained with his father as long as he lived in Pennsylvania, and accompanied him to his new home in this State, driving the team for him on the way. He still continued with him until his marriage, affording him valuable assistance in the care of his farm. After his marriage, he located on a rented farm in Canaan Township, which he gave up two years later, and bought one of his own two and one-half miles south of Plain City. That farm was his dwelling place until he sold it, in 1882, and bought his father's old homestead, which he still occupies. It comprises one hundred and fifty acres, and is in a fine condition, his father having placed upon it many valuable improvements, including the present commodious residence inhabited by our subject, who is doing general farming. For some nine years, he dealt extensively in stock, buying and shipping cattle to various points during and after the war. He has driven cattle from Madison County to Baltimore for another man, and also to York and Lancaster Counties, Pa.

Mr. Millikin was married December 10, 1867, to Miss Rosa M. Vanschoyck, a native of Franklin County. She was born April 30, 1836, and was a daughter of David and Esther (Bailey) Vanschoyck. Her father was also a native of Franklin County, and was a son of one of its earliest pioneer families, while her mother was a Pennsylvanian by birth. Mrs. Millikin died January 28, 1884, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Plain City. She was a woman of rare merit, whose many pleasant attributes won her high regard, and her memory is tenderly cherished by many besides



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those of her own household. Mr. Millikin has two daughters as his stay and comfort, Cora A., born December 17, 1868, and Della J., September 17, 1870.

Our subject is well known as a Democrat, tried and true. A man of high reputation and excellent business qualifications, important local offices have been entrusted to his care, and he has discharged their duties with exactitude and fidelity. He was Assessor three years, Trustee one year, and has been School Director.

ISAAC MOORE. On the opposite page is shown the portrait of a former well-known and prominent citizen of Mt. Sterling, now deceased. He was born near Williamsport, Pickaway County, February 11, 1806. His parents, Ephraim and Priscilla (Riggin) Moore, were born, reared and married in Delaware, and, with the exception of our subject, their children were all natives of that State. The father followed the profession of teaching in his earlier years but also worked at the wheelwright's trade, and was one of the honored heroes of the Revolutionary War. He was born August 22, 1743, and died March 12, 1845, at the age of one hundred and two years. His wife, Priscilla Moore, died December 18, 1848, at the age of ninety-three years and eight months.

The boyhood days of our subject were spent on a farm near Williamsport. In April, 1830, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Sarah McCafferty, *nee* Nutt, who was born in Virginia, but was residing in Fayette County, Ohio, at the time of her marriage. Mr. Moore continued to engage in farming for a number of years, but at length abandoned that occupation and removed to Mt. Sterling, where he engaged in merchandising for eighteen years. He was a self-made man, who began life empty-handed, but by his own efforts worked his way upward and amassed quite a fortune. He looked after his own landed interests up to the time of his death, collecting his own rents, etc.

In politics, Mr. Moore was first a Whig but afterward became a Republican. He was always a strong advocate of temperance principles and later in life joined the ranks of the Prohibition party. He was always a great reader and especially fond of studying the Bible, from which he could quote freely. In 1832, he and his wife united with the Methodist Church of Mt. Sterling, and were ever afterwards faithful members. He served as Steward for almost half a century, was Class-leader for about the same length of time and was an earnest Sunday-school worker. At the time of his death he had a class of young men, who acted as his pall bearers. He passed away December 25, 1891. His estimable wife was called to her final rest February 13, 1879.

This worthy couple had three children: Battael H., a hardware merchant of Circleville, Ohio, who is married and has one child; Mrs. Madeline McCafferty, who has five children and resides in White Oak, Fayette County; and Mrs. Clara Schoch. The latter was born in Madison Township, Fayette County, November 12, 1848, and after attending the common schools became a student in the Xenia Seminary. On the 14th of August, 1877, she gave her hand in marriage to Marquis De La Fayette Schoch, who was born in Rock Mills, Fairfield County, Ohio, November 7, 1843. He was a man of good education, had been a teacher of penmanship and was a book-keeper before his marriage. His death occurred June 20, 1888. He was a member of the Methodist Church, to which Mrs. Schoch also belongs. She is an estimable lady, whose excellencies of character have endeared her to many friends.

SCOTT C. BOGGS, son of Moses Boggs, of the famous Boggs family, so long and so intimately associated with the rise and progress of Pickaway County, is an able farmer, who brings a well-trained mind to his work, and is managing his extensive farming interests on sections 28 and 33, Pickaway Township, with consummate skill.

Mr. Boggs is a native of this township, and was

born November 14, 1848. An account of his father is given elsewhere in this book. Our subject was given fine educational advantages, and after attending Mt. Pleasant Academy, at Kingston, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware in the fall of 1867, and spent two years in that institution, completing the sophomore year. After leaving college, he turned his attention to farming, and passed the ensuing two years on a farm near La Fayette, Ind. In 1870, he returned to his native township, and two years later bought his present farm, on section 33, where he has since made his home. He has four hundred and eighty acres of land, all in a body, a part of it lying on section 28. It is well supplied with buildings of a good class, and every convenience for carrying on agriculture to the best advantage; the soil is under admirable tillage, is well drained, and is very productive. Our subject is a manly, frank, generous-hearted man, and with his amiable wife occupies a high social position in his native county, to whose citizenship he is an honor. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is popular with his fellow-members. Politically, he is a straightforward Republican. He was Trustee of his township one year, and he is always ready to do all in his power to forward its interests.

Mr. Boggs was married in 1872 to Miss Ada Shannon, and they have been very happy in their domestic life, as he has been to her a devoted husband, and she to him a true wife in every sense of the term. They have two children living: Lucy C., born June 4, 1876, and Howard S., April 19, 1879. Mrs. Boggs is a native of Kingston, Ross County, and a daughter of the late Dr. Robert W. Shannon, who was for many years one of the leading physicians and citizens of Ross County. He settled at Kingston in 1850, and was in active practice there until his lamented death, in 1882, at the age of sixty-five years. He was a native of Virginia. A man of lofty principles and high moral character, he was an influence for much good in his community, and for many years was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. He married Margaret Mowry, a native of Virginia, who survives him. She is the mother of four children, three daughters and one son, all of whom are living. Mrs. Boggs was carefully reared by her parents, and was given excellent educational advantages in the public schools at Kingston and in the Mt. Pleasant Academy. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is active in its every good work.

HENRY SMITH is a man of upright, honest character, whose long and useful life has won him the esteem and confidence of all honest men and the respect of all good citizens. He began in life a poor boy, but by energy and perseverance, united with economy and good business qualifications, he has secured a competency and is now living in the enjoyment of the fruits of his early toil. His present home is situated on section 29, Walnut Township, Pickaway County, where, in addition to cultivating the soil, he is the proprietor of a machine shop.

The original of this sketch is a native of Fairfield County, this State, his birth occurring October 25, 1824. He is the son of John M. and Magdalena Smith, natives of Pennsylvania. The paternal great-grandfather was a native of Germany. John M. Smith came to this section in an early day, and here our subject was reared amid the pioneer scenes, whose hardships and privations have made a lasting impression upon his mind. Their pioneer home was located in the woods, and deer and wild animals were very plentiful, making it easy to provide the family larder with all kinds of choice meats.

Henry Smith began learning the trade of a blacksmith when in his sixteenth year, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He has since followed that occupation, which business he has found to be very profitable. He was married in 1844 to Miss Rebecca Crites, by whom he became the father of a family of ten children, seven of whom are living and are Sophia, Mrs. Francis Ward; Jacob; Paulina, the wife of John H. Ward; Jabez, Jerome, Samuel and John. On the death of his wife, Mr. Smith was a second time married, the lady of his

choice being Mary Abbott. Our subject removed to his present location in 1844, where he opened up a blacksmith shop. He is considered an expert in that line, and rendered much useful service in "setting up" the first mowers and reapers introduced into the county. People living within six miles of Columbus brought their farm machinery to Mr. Smith to be repaired, knowing that the work would be done in a satisfactory manner. His blacksmith shop and outfit cost him $5,000, which he considers a judicious investment.

The education of our subject was limited to the district school, but being an apt pupil and eager to learn, he made the best of his opportunities, and is to-day thoroughly informed upon all topics of general interest. In politics, he is a sound Republican, always casting his vote in favor of the candidates of that party. He has taken an active interest in educational matters, and for twenty years has rendered effective service on the School Board. He is widely known in this section, and we are pleased to be able to place his sketch before our numerous readers as one of the representative citizens of the county who is self-made in the truest sense of that term.

JAMES HARTNELL HOLWAY. Many of our readers will recognize this name as that of a prominent and popular resident of Oak Run Township, Madison County, where, in addition to farming and stock-raising, he is the owner of a creamery. His estate comprises one hundred and sixteen acres, which his industry has placed under excellent cultivation.

He of whom we write was born in Hemyock, Devonshire, England, December 31, 1846, to Robert and Elizabeth Hartnell Holway. He was twenty years of age when his parents emigrated to America, and located one mile west of Oberlin, Lorain County, this State. James H. was the tenth in order of birth of a family of eleven children, nine of whom are still living. Three of the children accompanied their parents to the New World, four preceded the family hither, and two are still living in England. The eldest son, John, is a graduate of Oberlin College, and also of Westerville, and makes his home in Chicago, where he is a minister in the Congregational Church; Thomas still resides in his native land, and is Police Inspector on the Southwestern Railway in London; Elizabeth married Charles Harris, and makes her home in Taunton, Somerset, England; Sarah married John Farrar, of London, and makes her home in London, Ohio; William enlisted from Marysville, this State, in the War of the Rebellion, and served through the entire struggle; he has recently lost his eyesight, and makes his home in Mansfield, this State. Mary became the wife of Col. Butterfield, of Indianapolis, Ind., and after his death married Richard Treneman, and lives in Collinwood, this State; Ann, Mrs. T. J. Farrar, resides at Frankfort, Marshall County, Kan.; our subject is the next in order of birth; Charles is a graduate of Oberlin College, and is engaged in business at Philadelphia, Pa.; Richard died in England, in 1835, when nine months old; Robert visited America on two different occasions, and departed this life at Taunton, England.

The original of this sketch took the preparatory course in Oberlin College, and, after abandoning his studies, was engaged by his brother, who was a member of a large hardware firm, as traveling salesman. He was thus employed for a period of three years, with a salary of $40 per month and expenses. At the expiration of that time, he purchased a stock on his own account which he retailed, and in addition to that sold the baskets which his father made. He later engaged in farming, and went on the road during the dull season on his estate, and was engaged in the hay business for two years at London, Ohio.

The lady to whom our subject was married November 19, 1884, was Miss Agnes M., daughter of Frederick and Betty (Lutley) Bennett. She was a native of Devonshire, England, having been born at Hemyock, July 19, 1848. She accompanied her parents to America when eighteen years of age, and having acquired an excellent education in her native land, about one year after locating here began teaching school, which occupation she followed for ten years.

Mr. and Mrs. Holway were intimate friends in their native land, and after our subject came to America, carried on a correspondence for twelve years. They were married in Wisconsin, on the same day on which Mr. Holway purchased his present farm. The father of our subject disposed of his property at Oberlin, and coming to Madison County, here resided until his decease, February 15, 1891. He was followed to the better land by his wife, who died January 3, 1892.

Mr. Holway cast his first Presidential vote for Garfield, but of recent years has been in sympathy with the Prohibition party. He is a believer in the principles of the Congregational Church, while his wife leans towards the doctrines advocated by the Methodist Episcopal denomination. Mr. and Mrs. Holway have two children: James Gladstone, who was born December 6, 1885; and Paul Bennett, March 9, 1888.

ISAAC SCOTT COOK. Among the native-born citizens of Fayette County who are gaining a good maintenance by tilling a portion of its soil, is Mr. Cook, who is located in Madison Township. He looks back over years of growth in this section, and rejoices in having had a hand in bringing about the present condition of affairs.

He of whom we write was born in this township, April 4, 1826, and is the son of Isaac Thompson and Elizabeth (Lewis) Cook, the former of whom was born March 6, 1797, at Shippensburgh, Pa., and the mother in February, 1804, in Chillicothe, this State. The father was brought hither by his father, Isaac Cook, when a year old, and grew to manhood on a farm near Chillicothe, where also he was married. The young couple located on three hundred acres of land which had been given them by their respective parents, and began housekeeping on the tract which is the present home of our subject. The elder Mr. Cook accumulated a handsome property, and at his death owned fourteen hundred acres of land.

The original of this sketch is the second in order of birth of the nine children born to his parents, five of whom are living. Of the family, William Lewis, the eldest son, was married and left a family of four children at his death; Mathew Scott died in infancy; John Joseph passed away when twenty-two years of age; Margaret E. married Milo Rockwell, and makes her home in Washington C. H. James F., who is also residing in that city, served as Sheriff of the county two terms, and was Treasurer for a like period; in 1862, he enlisted in the War of the Rebellion, and served until the close of that struggle, being captured at the battle of Stone River, and confined at Atlanta and in Libby Prison. He received a slight wound on the cheek by the fragment of a shell, and at the time of his honorable discharge was promoted to the rank of Brevet-Major. Benjamin F., who was the next in order of birth, is now living on the old home place; Sarah C., who married H. D. Marcy, whose sketch will be found on another page in this book, is deceased; and Mary A., who is the present wife of the above-named gentleman.

Isaac Cook, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a Colonel in the Revolutionary War, in which conflict he served under Washington. His seven sons were also engaged in that memorable conflict, one of whom, Capt. Joel Cook, continued in the regular service, commanding a company of the Fourth Regiment at the battle of Tippecanoe. The first representative of the Cook family in America was Henry Cook, who emigrated hither with Capt. John Endicott, in 1628. Our subject's grandfather was elected County Judge in Ross County, this State, and also a member of the State Senate. Mr. Cook has in his possession a cane, which was presented to his grandfather by members of the Bar in Ross County.

Isaac Scott Cook grew up on the home farm, and after receiving a fair education in the common schools, was engaged as a clerk in the store for his uncle at Chillicothe for two years. He then took a course of study at Delaware, and in April, 1861, enlisted as a Union soldier in the three-months' service, but his company was not mustered into service. He participated in the Morgan raid, but was prevented from going further than Chillicothe, on account of arms.

In his political relations, Mr. Cook comes of a

long line of Whigs, and himself votes with the Republican party. His father served as County Commissioner for fifteen years, and was an active member of the Methodist Protestant Church. Benjamin F., a brother of our subject, was attending school at Antioch, on the outbreak of the Rebellion, and, coming home, enlisted when twenty-three years of age in the three-months' service, but, like our subject, was not called upon to go to the front. In November of that year, however, he became a member of Company C, Sixtieth Ohio Infantry, and after three months was transferred to Company H, and served his country for one year as Second Sergeant. He was present at the battle of Cross Keys and Harper's Ferry, in which latter battle he was taken prisoner, and after three days was paroled and sent to the camp at Chicago. From that city he returned home, his term of service having expired, and took part in the Morgan raid. Our subject has never been married.

The lady to whom Benjamin F. was married in February, 1879, was Miss Fannie J., daughter of Levin and Susan (Sollars) Bennett, who was born in Fayette County, January 18, 1856. They have become the parents of five children, namely: Benjamin F., who was born March 22, 1880; Elizabeth Lewis, November 4, 1882; Fannie Margaret, January 7, 1885; Thompson Scott, September 2, 1887; and Mary Lorette, March 8, 1890.

Benjamin Cook has been Township Trustee for eight years, and in social circles is a Mason, having taken the Commandery Degree. Isaac Scott is also connected with that fraternity, being identified with the Blue Lodge.

FRANCIS REICHELDERFER. There are few citizens of Pickaway County who are not personally acquainted with the popular young farmer who resides on section 26, Salt Creek Township. Not only is he familiar with the best methods of agriculture, but he is an intelligent reader upon all subjects of national or world-wide interest, and is particularly well posted upon political events. In his political affiliations, he is proud to enlist his influence and vote in behalf of the principles of Democracy and is an indefatigable worker in party ranks, where his thorough knowledge of the party platform and the issue at stake renders him invaluable in promoting the interests of local politics.

During the early settlement of this county, Jacob Reichelderfer, grandfather of our subject, emigrated from Berks County, Pa., to Ohio and became one of the first settlers of Salt Creek Township, which was at that time covered with dense forests, where wild animals roamed at will. Deer were plentiful and were often seen by the pioneer hunter as they came to the banks of the stream and stooped to drink the clear flowing water. Amid such primitive surroundings, Samuel Reichelderfer, father of our subject, who was born in Salt Creek Township in 1813, grew to a vigorous manhood and became fitted for the hardships incident to a farmer's life. He witnessed the wonderful growth of the community and bore no unimportant part in its progress. When he died in 1875, it was felt that one of the most enterprising citizens was gone from among those with whom his whole life had been passed. His wife, who was known in maidenhood as Sarah Reichelderfer and who was likewise a native of Berks County, Pa., survived him a number of years, dying in July, 1890. The worthy couple held membership in the German Lutheran Church and were highly esteemed as faithful Christians.

Among the family of thirteen children, our subject was the next to the youngest, and five of the number are living at present. He was born in Salt Creek Township, July 20, 1859, and in his boyhood received the advantages of a common-school education. Early in life, he became familiar with farming pursuits and when he arrived at manhood's years decided to follow agriculture for his life pursuit. November 2, 1882, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Dresbach, a native of Ross County. Mrs. Reichelderfer is the daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Ranck) Dresbach, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Ross County, Ohio. Her father, who was a farmer, died in 1875; her mother is still living and makes her home in Ross County. She is a lady of great nobility of

character and purity of life, and is an active member of the United Brethren Church. She became the mother of thirteen children, and Mrs. Reichelderfer is one of ten now surviving, seven of whom are married.

Our subject and his wife are the parents of three children, as follows: Samuel D., born November 14, 1884; Lyman D., December 18, 1886, now deceased, and Vest D., born November 29, 1890. The family are highly esteemed in the community and are attendants at the United Brethren Church, of which Mrs. Reichelderfer is a member. Their home farm comprises one hundred and five acres of land, which is watered by Salt Creek and thus rendered very fertile, while the buildings are conveniently situated and substantial.

Every measure which has in view the promoting of the welfare of the citizens and the interests of the county, finds in Mr. Reichelderfer a hearty and enthusiastic support. He is admirably adapted for public positions of trust and has served his fellow-citizens in various capacities, among them filling the office of Township Clerk to the satisfaction of all concerned. He has also been delegate to several conventions and his name is now prominently mentioned for an important and responsible position. As he is still young, undoubtedly the future years will bring to him public honors and successes.

JOHN KNIGHT is a good type of our self-made men, who have also afforded valuable assistance in the making of their native county, Pickaway, while industriously accumulating the property that places them among its substantial, well-to-do citizens. Our subject has one of the best-managed and improved farms in all Washington Township, where he carries on a profitable business as a tiller of the soil and stock-raiser.

Mr. Knight was born in Washington Township, Pickaway County, September 4, 1835. His father, Thomas Knight, who came of the old pioneer stock of Ohio, and was a native of the State, died in 1838, when our subject was a small boy, and he was only a little child when his mother died. He is the sixth of seven children, five of whom are still living. Being thus early sadly bereft of his parents when he most needed their care, he was bound out to Samuel Fedderoff, a farmer in Salt Creek Township, with whom he lived until he was eighteen years old. He was naturally a bright, intelligent lad, of good parts, but an education was denied him, as he was forced to work when his time should have been given to learning, and his schooling was confined to a brief attendance at a pioneer log schoolhouse. However, his time was not wholly lost, as he learned to work well and to make good use of his faculties, and he has in a measure made up for his early deficiencies in learning by acquiring a goodly fund of information by observation, experience and reading.

At the age of eighteen, Mr. Knight began to work out by the month, receiving $13 a month during the first part of the six years that he was so engaged, his wages gradually increasing until he obtained $22 a month. He wisely saved his money and in due time became independent and was able to establish a home for the wife of his choice. After his marriage, he located on a farm that he bought in Washington Township, and farmed that some years. In 1867, he purchased the farm upon which he has since lived on section 15, of the same township, which, under his careful system of cultivation, is very fruitful, yielding abundant harvests and a comfortable income. Its one hundred and sixty-six acres are well drained and fenced, and our subject has made extensive improvements since the farm came into his possession, repairing and remodeling the buildings, which are commodious and well fitted up, and everything about the place shows the guidance of a master hand and the presence of one who thoroughly understands his calling. Mr. Knight has a well-balanced mind, is sensible and shrewd, carrying on his affairs in a business-like manner, fairness and justice characterizing all his dealings, and he bears a high reputation among his fellow-citizens, who know him well and esteem him accordingly. In his political views, he is a decided Democrat and is unswerving in his allegiance to his party.

Our subject was married in 1859 to Miss Rebecca Leist, who was an important factor in his prosperity. Mrs. Knight was also a native of Pickaway County, her birthplace in Washington Township, and she was a daughter of one of its early pioneer families. Her parents, Jacob and Julia Leist, were natives of this State, and have long since passed away. Mrs. Knight was a valued member of the Evangelical Association and was a true Christian in every sense of the word. Her otherwise happy wedded life with our subject was overshadowed by the death of four of their nine children, Charles, Georgia, Emma and Ida. These are spared: Lizzie, Rose, Laura, John and Minnie. Our subject's wife departed this life at her home April 20, 1892.

HON. MANFRED WILLARD. The Fayette County Bar has a number of able representatives at Washington C. H., prominent among whom is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, and who, for a quarter of a century or more, has been actively identified with the legal fraternity of the city. His office is located in the Yeoman Block, where he occupies a pleasant suite of rooms. Eminent for his close and careful study of every technicality of the law, his knowledge alike of State and general laws and his ability as a pleader, he is worthy of special mention in a volume dedicated to the leading citizens of the county.

With the exception of the period during which he was in the service of the Union, Mr. Willard has passed his life principally in Washington C. H., where he was born September 18, 1839. His parents, Lochart D. and Mary J. (Doren) Willard, were natives, respectively, of Franklin County, Mass., and Pennsylvania. The father came to the Buckeye State in 1830, and afterward commenced the study of law with Wade Loofborrow, one of the first practitioners of the county. He was admitted to practice at the Bar of the State of Ohio, and carried on an extensive practice until 1853, when he was elected Probate Judge, being the second to fill that position in the county. When he resigned from that office in February, 1864, he removed with his family to Illinois, and later to Alexander, Thayer County, Neb., where he still resides. Prior to 1856, he was a Democrat, but since that year has been a firm upholder of Republican principles.

After completing his schooling in the common schools of Washington C. H., our subject was engaged in farming, being for a time on his father's farm in Fayette County, and also engaging in the same way in Illinois. August 1, 1861, he enlisted in Illinois, and the first quota being complete, the Governor refused to allow others to leave the State. The company met August 1, at Moline, and, forming a cavalry company, proceeded to Ft. Leavenworth, where they were attached to the regiment. They were ordered to Lexington, Mo., where they remained until the Union forces surrendered to Gen. Price. On the day of the surrender, they were paroled, and sent to Hannibal, Mo., where they re-organized as another regiment.

Mr. Willard returned to Illinois to recruit another company, and afterward went to his old home in Ohio, where he raised a company. Not desiring to go back to Missouri, and being a paroled prisoner, he recruited Company H, Sixtieth Ohio Infantry, of which he was commissioned Captain. In 1862, he participated in Fremont's campaign against Jackson, and engaged in skirmishes all the way from Franklin, Va., through Strawsburg, to Port Royal and Cross Keys, thence to Winchester, where he remained until the latter part of August, 1862. He then proceeded to Harper's Ferry, where, for the second time, he was captured. Being wounded, he remained in a private residence for thirty days, when his father succeeded in getting him home. His sufferings and exposures had undermined his robust constitution, until he was reduced from his average weight of one hundred and eighty pounds to ninety-eight.

Soon after his return home, Mr. Willard was elected Probate Judge, and served in that capacity for one term. Meanwhile, he studied law in the office of Briggs & Palmer, and was admitted to the Bar in 1867. He at once commenced a general practice, which he has since continued. In connection with his legal work, he was Cashier of the

Fayette County National Bank from 1872 until 1875. He is interested in all public measures that tend to promote the interest of the people, and politically, is a Republican. His marriage, April 14, 1865, united him to Mrs. Worley, who, by a former marriage, was the mother of one child, Charles B., now a jeweler in St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Willard are the parents of three children: Jane B., Laura A. and Herbert M.

MACK ARTHUR LANUM, County Coroner, Circleville, Ohio. Nowhere in Pickaway County can we find a man more popular or more highly esteemed than the subject of this sketch, who has won a host of friends by his many estimable qualities of mind and heart. At present, under the firm title of Albaugh & Lanum, he is engaged in the undertaking business, and, as all know, there are few branches of business, if any, that require more consideration or sympathetic feeling than that of undertaker. Mr. Lanum seems well adapted for this business, being well grounded by nature and experience, and his quiet tact, coupled with decision and perfect, unostentatious knowledge of the business required, has increased his patronage very materially.

Mr. Lanum comes of an old Virginia family and is of English descent. His father, Vincent Lanum, was a Virginian, as was also the grandfather Lanum. Vincent Lanum followed agricultural pursuits in his native State until about 1832, when the fertile soil of the Buckeye State tempted him to make a settlement within its borders. He first went on horseback, selected a suitable location near what subsequently became the home place in Union Township, and was afterward married there. His farm was six miles south of Washington C. H., in Fayette County, and he began making improvements. He had accumulated a handsome property, but by going security for his friends lost it all. His wife died and he was the second time married, after which he located on the farm where he died, in 1867. At the time of Morgan's raid, he went to Washington C. H. and offered his services but was refused on account of his age. This did not please him at all, and after coming home, he molded bullets and the next morning, rifle in hand, saw him en route for Chillicothe. However, on the way he was induced to turn back. He was a Republican in politics, and a Methodist in religion. His wife, the mother of our subject, bore the maiden name of Lucinda McArthur, a native of Washington C. H., Ohio, and of Scotch descent. Her father, Arthur McArthur, was a large land-owner and owned the site of the present city of Washington C. H. He was a cousin of ex-Gov. McArthur and was related to the McDougals and McIves mentioned in Scott's works. Grandfather McArthur was one of the first Marshalls of Washington C. H., and was also Sheriff of the county. The stepmother of our subject, after the death of her husband, kept the family together and reared them to mature years. She died at the home of our subject on the 26th of July, 1891, when sixty-six years of age. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mack Arthur Lanum was born in Union Township, Fayette County, Ohio, on the 23d of January, 1860, and was the only child born of the father's second marriage. He assisted his father in farm work and thus continued until thirteen years of age. His parents then removed to Washingon C. H. and he attended the High School there until just before graduating, when he was obliged to quit on account of ill health. He was subsequently apprenticed to learn the undertaker's trade and continued in this for five years, being most of the time head man. After this, with Thomas Cleveland, he went to Frankfort, Ohio, and bought a drug-store but after one year's experience in this business he concluded that some other enterprise would suit him just as well. For one year after this, he was engaged in business in South and West Ohio, and in 1883 he located in Circleville, where he formed a partnership in the undertaking business with Mr. Albaugh. Mr. Lanum has the largest business of the kind in Circleville, occupies two floors, and is wide-awake and enterprising.

In the fall of 1888, he was elected County Coroner and has had several interesting cases, the King murder case being one of them. Mr. Lanum

Thomas Atkin

was married in October,1890,to Miss Kate A.Lynch, daughter of James H. Lynch, who was born in this State. Socially, Mr. Lanum is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, and in politics is a Democrat. He has been a delegate to different conventions and is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Club of Pickaway County.

THOMAS ALKIRE, a retired farmer of Mt. Sterling, is a native of Madison County. He was born March 31, 1825, and is a son of John H. and Sarah (Schyles) Alkire. The father, who was born in Kentucky, came to Ohio with Grandfather Alkire when quite young, and was a farmer by occupation. He served in the War of 1812 under Gen. Harrison.

In the usual manner of farmer lads, the boyhood days of our subject were passed and he received very limited educational advantages. When he was fourteen years of age, his father went to Vigo County, Ind., but he remained in Ohio and began working by the day or month as a farm hand. Since that time, he has made his own way in the world, and his success in life is due entirely to his own efforts. Working in this way, he managed to lay by a little money, and on the 18th of January, 1846, he was united in marriage with Miss Damia Strain, of Pleasant Township, Madison County, where the lady was born in October, 1828.

Mr. Alkire had a span of horses but sold one in order to purchase furniture for his house. He continued to work one season at $11 per month and boarded himself. The next spring, he managed to get another horse and, renting some land, began farming on his own account. Some years afterward, hoping to better his financial condition, he removed to Vigo County, Ind., but was not pleased with the place, and the following spring returned to Ohio. He again rented for some time and as soon as his financial resources had increased sufficiently, purchased fifty acres in Pleasant Township. The land was heavily covered with timber, but he cleared the entire track. He afterward bought and sold several farms in this part of the State. He now owns one hundred and thirty-six acres of land in Madison County, and fifty acres in Vigo County, Ind., which his father left him.

Mr. and Mrs. Alkire have never had any children of their own but have given homes to three. The poor and needy have found in our subject a friend, and as far as possible he has aided in all enterprises for the advancement of the public good. In politics, he was first a Whig and on the organization of the Republican party, joined its ranks, voting for Fremont in 1856. He is a member of the Christian Church and belongs to the Patriotic Order of Sons of America. For twenty-five years, he has also been a Third Degree Mason. In 1887, he erected his pleasant home in Mt. Sterling and has since lived a retired life, the income derived from his farms being sufficient to keep him throughout his remaining years without any manual labor on his part. Mr. Alkire may truly be called a self-made man, for he began life as a poor boy, empty-handed, and has worked his way upward to a place among the substantial citizens of the community. His life has been well and worthily spent, and he has the high regard of many friends.

A portrait of Mr. Alkire accompanies this sketch of his life.

PALMER CONE SMITH, of Circleville, is one of the most prominent lawyers of the Buckeye State, and by his skill and ability has risen to the high position which he now occupies at the Ohio Bar. As he is widely and favorably known, his sketch will prove of interest to many of our readers.

Mr. Smith was born in Whitestown, Oneida County, N. Y., July 31, 1823. The great grandfather of our subject, Ignatius Smith, was a native of Wales, and in the early part of the eighteenth century settled in Massachusetts. The grandfather, Polycarpus Smith, was born at Cape Cod, and in an early day became a New York farmer. His death

occurred in Whitestown in 1807. He had married Dorothy Otis, a native of the Bay State. Her father, Joseph Otis, was a brother of the celebrated James Otis, of Boston, a Revolutionary orator, and was descended from John Otis, who came from Norfolk County, England.

Joseph Otis Smith, father of our subject, was born in Whitestown, N. Y., and married Harriet Cone, a native of Westmoreland, Oneida County. Her father, Walter Cone, was a large land-owner of New York, who served in the Revolutionary War and died in the Empire State. He married Dorothy Palmer, who came of an old Connecticut family of Scotch origin. Mrs. Smith died at the age of seventy-five years. In her family were three children: Mark, who followed farming, and died on the old homestead; Palmer, of this sketch; and Mrs. Janet Smith, who died in London, Ohio.

Our subject acquired his education in the common schools and at Hampton Academy, and at the age of twenty began teaching. On attaining his majority, he emigrated to London, Ohio, where he engaged in teaching for four winters, and during that time began fitting himself for the legal profession, studying under his brother-in-law, Hon. H. W. Smith. He was admitted to the Bar at Columbus in the old Supreme Court of Ohio, in December, 1846, and the following spring located in Circleville, where he has since engaged in practice. In the fall of 1849, he formed a partnership with Judge Jones, now at Delaware, and the connection continued until 1856. Mr. Smith was elected City Solicitor for two terms, and has served as Prosecuting Attorney, being elected on the Republican ticket. He has never been an office-seeker, preferring to give his attention to private practice. He is the oldest attorney of Circleville, and has the largest library in the county. His office is situated in the Masonic Temple block and, since 1877, he has been the senior member of the prominent law firm of Smith & Morris. He practices in all the courts of the State and the United States, from the Supreme Court down.

In December, 1858, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Osborn, a native of Columbus, Ohio, and a daughter of Ralph Osborn, a native of Connecticut, and one of the early settlers of Circleville. He served as Auditor for the State for nearly seventeen years, from 1815 until 1832, when his death occurred. Three children have been born of their union: Janet, wife of Dr. Greve, a druggist of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mary Osborn, who was graduated from the Wesleyan College of Cincinnati; and Harriet Otis, a graduate of Bartholomew College, of Cincinnati. The younger daughters have both been highly educated and have considerable musical talent. Mary is organist in the Methodist Church and is court stenographer of Pickaway County.

Mr. Smith is also an active member of the Methodist Church and serves as Trustee. In politics, he is a stalwart Republican, was Chairman of the County Central Committee and has served as a delegate to the State conventions. He gives liberally to all public enterprises and has done much for the upbuilding of the community. He speaks fluently and with ease, has an excellent memory and great skill as a lawyer, his arguments being logical and convincing. He is a genial, whole-souled man, who is liked by every one. His face will never grow old, for it is so often lighted up with a smile of rare sweetness and contagious gayety, while his eyes twinkle with good humor.

LYMAN HAMMEL. Some of the most energetic and enterprising merchants of the go-ahead town of Circleville, Ohio, are identified with the grocery trade and prominent among those engaged in it is the firm of Hall & Hammel, which not only handles a full and complete stock of the choicest groceries, but agricultural implements as well. The members of this firm are enterprising and ambitious gentlemen, full of that push and perseverance that secure success in whatever is undertaken.

Mr. Hammel was born in the Buckeye State, Clear Creek Township, Fairfield County, on the 4th of March, 1846, and his father, Eli Hammel, was also a native of Clear Creek Township. The grandfather, George Hammel, was a native of Virginia, but an early settler of

Clear Creek Township, Fairfield County, where he was engaged in tilling the soil for many years. The father of our subject continued the same occupation on the old homestead of eighty acres in that township for a number of years, after which he sold out, and bought a farm of one hundred and seventeen acres in Amanda Township, that county. He was an industrious, thorough-going man, and by his industry and steady attention to business, acquired a handsome competency. He operated the farm until his death in 1888. He was a firm believer in the advantages of the platform held by the Democratic party, and was a public-spirited citizen. His wife was formerly Miss Matilda Barr, whose father, Thomas Barr, was a native of the Old Dominion, and one of the pioneer settlers of the Buckeye State. She was reared on the old farm, and received her education in the primitive log schoolhouse of those days, and was a good and true woman, who had many friends.

Of the six children born to this worthy couple, our subject was second in order of birth. Until eighteen years of age, he remained in Clear Creek Township, and, like the majority of farmer lads, divided his time in youth in attending the district school and in assisting his father in the arduous duties on the farm. At the above-mentioned age, he removed with his parents to Amanda Township, Fairfield County, and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. After this, he worked on different farms until twenty-six years of age, and then came to the thriving city of Circleville, Pickaway County, where he remained for a short time. Later, he went on a farm in Washington Township, Pickaway County, remained on the same for four years, and then came to Circleville again. Two years later, he engaged in the coal, lime and cement business on Canal Street, and continued this until March, 1882, when he embarked in the grocery business by himself. One year later, Mr. Hall became a partner with Mr. Hammel under the firm name of Hall & Hammel, and since then the firm has carried on a large and extensive trade. Both gentlemen are capable, enterprising and wide-awake business men, and merit the large trade they have secured. In 1883, these pushing, energetic business men erected their fine, large store, 30x85 feet, and they have this tastily and nicely fitted up with a large stock of the best goods. This thriving business is situated on the corner of Court and High Streets.

Miss Samantha Heffner, whom our subject married in Clear Creek Township, Fairfield County, in 1873, is the daughter of Henry Heffner, who is a resident of this city. She was born in Circleville, and is a lady whose estimable qualities are well known. Mr. Hammel was a member of the City Council for two years, from 1884 until 1886, and was on different committees. Both hold membership in the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Hammel is a strong supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He has been a delegate to the county conventions several times, and is active in all worthy enterprises.

GEORGE W. HOFFMAN. Many years have passed away since this gentleman closed his eyes upon earthly scenes, but he is still remembered with affection by the citizens of Circleville. It was in that city that he died, in 1864. By his upright and conscientious life, he built for himself a monument that will outlast shafts of granite or statues of bronze, and carved his name higher and in a more enduring manner than though written in brass.

The son of John and Susan Hoffman, natives of Kentucky, Mr. Hoffman was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, February 7, 1823, and received his education in the common schools of that place. In early manhood he spent several years in the mercantile business and also had charge of extensive farming interests. He served with valor through the Mexican War and then returned to his Ohio home. In 1855, he located in Wayne Township, Pickaway County, and for three years was occupied in farming pursuits, removing thence to Circleville on account of failing health.

In 1854, Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage with Miss Sallie J. Crouse, who was born near Chillicothe, Ross County, this State. Her grandfather, John Crouse, was a soldier during the War of 1812 and was a native of Pennsylvania, whither

his ancestors had removed from North Carolina. At an early period in the history of this State, he removed hither and settled on a farm near Chillicothe. There his son David was born and reared, his youth being passed in rural pursuits and in assisting his father in the distillery. He built the first paper mill in the State of Ohio, which was located in Ross County, about seven miles from Chillicothe, and operated it during the remainder of his life, transacting an extensive business.

The death of Mr. Crouse, which took place in 1838, removed from the scenes of his usefulness one who had been actively connected with the growth of the county. He was a firm Democrat and a member of the Legislature at the time of his death, always taking an active interest in politics. So successful was he, that at the time he was called hence he was one of the wealthiest citizens of Ross County, owning large tracts of land in various localities and being interested in the banks of Chillicothe, as well as in other places. He was a man of note, wielded an extensive influence and possessed excellent judgment and splendid business qualifications.

The mother of Mrs. Hoffman was known in maidenhood as Elizabeth Boggs and was the daughter of John, and a half-sister of Capt. John Boggs, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Crouse became the parents of eight children who grew to maturity, but only two are now living: Mrs. Hoffman and D. J. Crouse, a very prominent retired citizen of Chillicothe, who has established a national reputation as a breeder of thoroughbred horses, in which he has been very successful.

The early education of Mrs. Hoffman was received in the schools of Hillsborough, Ohio, and she subsequently attended Dr. Beaty's Seminary, at Steubenville, Ohio, graduating from there in 1849. She spent about four years in travel, visiting many places of interest in the East and South, and in 1854 was married to our subject. They became the parents of three children: Wood, Crouse and Georgia, the latter being the wife of Will C. Tompkins, a lithographer of New York City.

Mrs. Hoffman is the owner of about five hundred acres of choice land bordering on the Scioto River, where Westfall, one of the first villages of Pickaway County, was located. The house of Logan, Chief of the Mingoes, was situated on that farm, the fort being on an adjoining estate. Much of the time since the death of her husband, Mrs Hoffman has resided in Circleville, where she has an attractive residence. She is a member of the Episcopal Church and has helped the city along in the line of religion and education, philanthropy and general culture.

CAPT. CHARLES WARREN GUY is a fine representative of Ohio's gallant sons who won distinction as officers during the Civil War, and he has since become no less prominent as one of the foremost farmers and stockmen of his native county (Madison), and one who has done much to elevate the standard of the cattle and horses bred within its bounds. His home is on the farm which is his birthplace, in Pike Township, a mile and a half west of Rosedale, where he carries on a large business as a stock dealer.

Captain Guy was born in a typical pioneer home, a little log house built by his father in the early settlement of the county. November 8, 1843, was the date of his birth, and he was the sixth child and fifth son of William and Adelaide (Fullington) Guy, an account of whom appears in the biography of their son, William H. Guy. Our subject's first experience at school was in the local district schools, whence he went to the Mechanicsburg High School, where he was prepared for college, and he then entered the Ohio University at Delaware.

He was a student in that institution when the war broke out, and in 1862 he laid aside his books for the sword, full of youthful ardor in his patriotic desire to help defend the honor of his country at the front. He enlisted in Company D, Sixty-sixth Ohio Infantry, as a private, but he gave such evidence of his courage, fortitude, and efficiency in battle, that he was raised from the ranks to the position of Sergeant, then to that of First Lieutenant, and he finally was promoted to be Captain of

Company K of the regiment in which he enlisted, which was one of the first that was veteranized. He was in the battles of Dumfries (Va.), Chancellorsville (Va.) and Gettysburg (Pa.) He was then dispatched with his regiment to New York City at the time of the big riot, and for a while was encamped on Governor's Island in the harbor of that city, being under command of Gen. Hooker.

The Captain was subsequently transferred to the Army of the Cumberland, and his company was sent to Chattanooga with other forces, about twelve thousand strong. He helped win the day in the celebrated battle "above the clouds" on Lookout Mountain, November 24, 1863, and the day after, that of Mission Ridge, and subsequently he did good service at Ringgold, Ga. That same year he re-enlisted as a veteran for three years, or as long as the rebellion should last. He fought with his usual valor and coolness at Rockface Ridge, Ga., and in the hotly-contested engagement at Resaca. At Peach Tree Creek he saw Gen. Joseph W. Hitt shot from his horse and killed in the midst of the battle. The Captain accompanied Gen. Sherman in his famous march to the sea, and he was present and in vigorous action in the battles of Pine Mountain, Kenesaw Mountain, Marietta, and Peach Tree Creek, and helped to lay siege to Atlanta. Our subject followed the fortunes of war until after peace was declared, and he was mustered out of the army under General Order No. 24, June 28, 1865, having served with his regiment in twelve different States, traveled eleven thousand miles, and done his share of the fighting in eighteen hard-fought battles. During all that time he never received a scratch, although he was often in the hottest of the fray, and he was off duty only one week, and that on account of sickness.

On his return home to Pike Township, Capt. Guy was taken sick with inflammatory rheumatism from the effects of exposure while in the South, and for five long and weary months he was helpless and confined to his bed. He was finally taken to a Cleveland institution and was cured of that terrible malady. Since his recovery he has devoted himself to the management of his extensive interests. The fine farm upon which he lives comprises six hundred acres of land belonging to himself and his wife, being the combined homesteads that once were the property of their fathers. Beside this estate, the Captain has seven hundred acres of land which he has leased for fifteen years. He is largely engaged in handling imported horses, and in 1870 went to England to purchase some very fine draft horses. As a member of the Darby Plains Importing Co., he is doing much to encourage the breeding of blooded horses.

April 15, 1879, Capt. Guy was united in marriage to Miss Flora E., daughter of John and Abigail Kennedy. She too is a native of Pike Township. She was educated at the Western University at Delaware, and is a lady of much culture, of superior tact, and understands full well the art of making home a cheerful, pleasant and hospitable abode. Two children complete the household of our subject and his wife: Earl W., born September 26, 1880; and Erma Belle, born July 29, 1882.

A man of great force of character, with a strong, evenly-balanced mind, the Captain is a leader in public and political affairs in his community. He is a firm Republican, and has never faltered in his allegiance to his party since the days that he fought so nobly for its principles on Southern battlefields. He is Trustee of Pike Township, and for twelve years has looked faithfully after the interests of the township in that capacity. For four years he was Justice of the Peace. He is a stockholder in the Central Bank of Mechanicsburg, and one of the Directors of that institution. He is prominently identified with the Grand Army of the Republic as Commander of the Stephen A. Baxter Post No. 88, of Mechanicsburg.

JOHN T. WALTERS, owner of the Mt. Sterling Roller Mills, is a native of Jasper, Ohio. He was born on the 18th of February, 1841, and is a son of Levi and Sarah A. (Riley) Walters. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and when a young man came to Ohio, locating in Ross County, where he met and married Miss Sarah A. Riley, and died when our subject was only four

years old. His mother was afterward married again and he remained at home until thirteen years of age, when he hired out by the month to Thomas R. Robinson, in Pickaway County. Being pleased with the place, he made a contract to remain with Mr. Robinson until he attained his majority and was to be allowed to attend school three months each year. On reaching the age of twenty-one, he was to have a new suit of clothes and $100. Mr. Walters then worked as a farm hand until the late war broke out, when, on the 26th of May, having obtained permission from his benefactor, he enlisted in Company B, Thirteenth Ohio Infantry, in the first call for three-years' men. He participated in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, Shiloh, and in many others. He was very fortunate, in that he was never wounded or taken prisoner, but was in the hospital at Camp Dennison, Ohio, with camp fever, and at Elizabethtown, Ky., for six weeks with the smallpox. When his term of service had expired, he received his discharge in Louisville, in June, 1864.

Mr. Walters then returned to the North and began to work by the month as a farm hand, which occupation he followed for about two years. He then was united in marriage with Mary E. Robinson, daughter of his former employer, their union being celebrated October 7, 1866. They began their domestic life upon a rented farm and Mr. Walters continued to engage in agricultural pursuits for twenty-two years. With the capital he saved during that time, he purchased his present property in May, 1889. He has since improved his mills by putting in steam machinery and has built an addition, thus enlarging his room and capacity. The daily output is about thirty-five barrels, and he has a large and constantly increasing business.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Walters have been born eight children: Effie Florence, who was born in Pickaway County, February 13, 1868, is the wife of B. B. Musselman, a farmer of Madison County, and to them have been born four children; Thomas Filmore, who was born in Pickaway County, February 15, 1871, is married and has two children; Carrie May, who was born in Madison County, August 3, 1874; Sarah A., who was born in Pickaway County in April, 1878; Daisy E. was born in Madison County, March 5, 1882; John S. was born in the same county, April 1, 1884; May was born in Madison County, August 5, 1887; and Foster Clayton was born July 28, 1891.

Mr. Walters cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, and has since been a stanch Republican. He has served as Township Trustee and Town Treasurer, but has never been a politician in the commonly accepted meaning of the term, as he prefers to devote his time and attention to his business interests.

MAJ. EMANUEL GEPHART, whose valor during the late war brought him official recognition, has resided in Circleville since February 28, 1836. He is descended from thrifty and worthy German ancestors and his grandfather was the first representative of the family in the United States, his home being in Pennsylvania for a time. Later, he removed to Martinsburgh, W. Va., where the closing years of his life were passed. Near that city, his son Bernard, who was born in the Keystone State, operated a large farm of three hundred acres. He was a man of strong determination of character and generous disposition, and in his religious views was a member of the German Reformed Church. His death occurred in 1829, in the prime of manhood; his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Folk, died in Circleville, in 1872, at an advanced age.

The family to which Emanuel Gephart belongs comprised eleven children and he was the fifth in order of birth. He was born near Martinsburgh, Berkeley County, W. Va., April 21, 1814 and was a lad of fourteen years when his father died. Before he was thus orphaned, he had attended the schools of Martinsburgh, but at the above-mentioned age he was apprenticed to the trade of a carpenter under Mr. Hostler. In 1836, having decided to cast in his lot with the citizens of Ohio, he came with his family to Circleville, the removal being made with a six-horse team. In this city, he found constant employment at his trade and formed a

partnership with his brother Abram, continuing in that connection for some years. It was the custom in those days for the contractors to take the job and the parties to furnish the material.

While engaged in the trade of a carpenter, the Civil War broke out and in 1862 Mr. Gephart raised a company in sixteen days. The company, which was mustered in at Camp Circleville, was known as Company B, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Infantry, the date of their enlistment being August 22. With our subject as Captain, they marched South and participated in the severe engagement of Chickasaw Bluffs, in which they suffered defeat. They were present at Champion Hills and the siege of Vicksburg, marching thence to New Orleans and through the swamps of Louisiana to Texas, engaging in numerous skirmishes while en route to the last-named State.

Returning from Texas in April, 1864, the regiment marched along the banks of the Red River and every day engaged in skirmishes with the Rebels. At Mobile, they participated in the Farragut expedition, and when the war was brought to a close, they were ordered to Texas and there discharged in September, 1865. Our subject first commanded the company as Captain, remaining in that position until the spring of 1864, when he was promoted to Major of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Infantry. Upon his return home, he once more engaged at the carpenter's trade and was occupied in that way until he was appointed by the Government store-keeper at the Morris Steely & Co. Distillery, and afterward transferred to the same post in Fairfield County.

After occupying that position for some seven or eight years, Maj. Gephart resigned and came to Circleville, where he embarked in business as a wholesale liquor, oil and tobacco merchant, and is now proprietor of the principal wholesale house of the city. Maj. Gephart has been identified with the public affairs of Circleville for a long time and served as Alderman several terms before the late war. For thirteen years, he filled the position of Trustee of Circleville Township and has held other offices of responsibility. He is a charter member of Groce Post, G. A. R., and is prominent with the veterans of the war. In his political sympathies, he is a firm Republican, and socially is identified with the Masonic order as a Royal Arch Mason.

In 1835, Maj. Gephart was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Shaffer, a native of Pennsylvania, who died in Circleville after ten years of wedded life. Of the six children born of the union, four died in childhood and only one now survives, Ellen, Mrs. Hoffman, of Circleville. Noah enlisted when eighteen years old as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Infantry and served throughout the war, being mustered out as Quartermaster, with the rank of First Lieutenant. Eight years after the close of the war, he died of quick consumption.

The second marriage of the Major united him with Maria Shultz, a native of Pennsylvania, and an intelligent and worthy lady. They became the parents of four children, namely: Emma, who married Edward Olds and died in 1886; Adell, Mrs. Foresman, of Indiana; Kate, who is at home, and Josie, wife of George Stough, Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank at Circleville. The various members of the family find a religious home in the Presbyterian Church and occupy a high place in the esteem of the community.

ELMER JEFFERSON CHENOWETH.

Among all the residents of Oak Run Township, Madison County, none show greater aptitude for business transactions, or better judgment in the conduct of affairs, than Mr. Jefferson Chenoweth, who was born on the place which he now occupies, October 3, 1861. He is a son of Elijah and Susan (Pringle) Chenoweth, also natives of this county, and who are residing at the present time in Fairfield Township.

The father of our subject was born March 15, 1831, and is the son of John F. and Margaret Chenoweth. He received but little aid in a monied way from his father, and at one time had in his possession fourteen hundred acres of land, which was the direct result of his industry and good management. Our subject supplemented the knowledge gained in the schools of his lo-

cality by an attendance at Oberlin College, where he took a three-years' course in the literary department, and later was graduated from Bryant & Stratton's Business College. Returning home when twenty-three years of age, he gave his attention to handling stock, to which he was peculiarly adapted, and of which he has made a signal success.

The lady to whom our subject was married, December 2, 1885, was Miss Abbie M. Alexander. She was born in Clarksburg, this State, September 28, 1867, and is the daughter of the Rev. A. M. and Matilda (Armstrong) Alexander. She has been given a good education, and is a graduate of the public schools of Westerville, this State, where her marriage occurred. To Mr. and Mrs. Chenoweth have been born three children: Mary, who was born March 16, 1887; Max, August 3, 1889; and Pringle, June 19, 1891. Our subject received four hundred acres of land from his father, which he has improved, and erected thereon all the buildings which are to be found on a first-class estate.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Chenoweth cast his first Presidential vote for James G. Blaine, in 1884. He is very popular in his community, and in 1891 was elected Justice of the Peace, which office he is filling in a most satisfactory manner. With his wife, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and by his cordial and pleasing manners has gained the friendship of the best residents of the county.

NELSON HITLER is a wealthy farmer of Pickaway Township, where he has a large and finely equipped farm, lying mostly on the famous Pickaway Plains. Our subject is a native of this section of Pickaway County, born on the old Hitler homestead June 24, 1833, and he represents some of its very earliest settlers, his grandparents on both sides of the house being among the very first to locate in this part of Ohio, and his father, Jacob Hitler, was one of the foremost farmers and most honored citizens during a residence here of more than eighty consecutive years.

The paternal grandparents of our subject were George and Susanna Hitler. His grandfather was born in Maryland May 15, 1763, and when a boy went with his parents to Franklin County, Pa., where he subsequently found a wife in the person of Susanna, daughter of John Gay, of London, England. In after years he removed with his family, which then consisted of his wife and two small children, to Somerset County, in the same State, and located in what was called the "Glades." In April, 1799, he came to Ohio with his family, which had been increased by the birth of two more children. He sent his family down the Ohio River on a flatboat to the mouth of the Scioto River, while he traveled by land with a large number of horses, and met them at that point. From Portsmouth the journey was made with team to this county, the goods being sent up the Scioto in a keelboat. Mr. Hitler first located on the Lower Plains in Pickaway Township, but in 1804 entered one hundred and sixty acres of land on the western part of section 33, Washington Township, erecting a house on the southwestern part, in which he dwelt until his demise April 2, 1818. His wife survived him thirty years, her death occurring September 16, 1848, at the age of nearly seventy-six years.

Jacob Hitler was the third child born to his parents, his birth taking place during their residence in Somerset County, Pa., December 5, 1796. His boyhood was spent much as that of other pioneers' sons, in the hard work of improving a farm in a new country. Shortly after his father's death, he and his brother George bought a quarter-section of land, for which they paid $23 an acre, and he then entered upon his busy and successful life, which was an honor not only to himself, but to the community of which he was so long a member.

Mr. Hitler and his brother having but a few hundred dollars apiece, found it impossible to pay for their farm at the current prices of grain, wheat being then worth only seventy-five cents per bushel, afterward declining to twenty-five cents. They showed themselves to be men of expedience and large enterprise, as they conceived the plan of manufacturing their wheat into flour for the New

"OAK GLEN." RESIDENCE OF NELSON HITLER, PICKAWAY TP., PICKAWAY CO., O..

Orleans market. For eleven years they conveyed their flour in a flatboat down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to the Crescent City, where they sold it for more than double what the grain would have brought them at home. The first trip was made by Jacob Hitler in 1819. The boats in which the flour was conveyed were built at a cost of $120 or thereabouts, having a capacity for carrying from four to five hundred barrels of flour, and were disposed of at New Orleans for whatever they would bring, sometimes only a few dollars. Mr. Hitler made five trips to New Orleans, and after that alternated with his brother in going thither. At the end of the first voyage, he returned from that city to this county on foot, and was only twenty-two days on the way, which was the same time that it took a boat to come from New Orleans to Louisville, Ky.

The father of our subject acquired a fine property, owning at the time of his death nearly two thousand acres of land, all in Pickaway County. He possessed true nobility of character, was conspicuous for unswerving rectitude of thought and act, was generous-hearted and sympathizing; and untiring industry, a fixedness of purpose, and unusual soundness of judgment, made him successful in everything he undertook, these traits also contributing largely to his potency as one of the builders of Pickaway County, who helped to lay the foundation of the prosperity that it enjoys to-day, and with whose rise and growth his name will ever be connected.

He was elected Commissioner of the county in October, 1858, and served three years, although he had but little inclination for public life.

In 1825, Mr. Hitler was married to Miss Sarah Gougar, with whom he lived long and happily. She came to Pickaway County with her parents in 1806 when she was a child, and the rest of her life was passed here, her death occurring several years ago. The following is the record of the brothers and sisters of our subject: George (now dead) was born September 28, 1825; Daniel, November 7, 1827; Susan, April, 1830; Caroline, June 19, 1836; Jacob died in infancy; and Ellen was born February 4, 1843.

Nelson Hitler received a district-school education, and on the old homestead a thorough drilling in agricultural pursuits that has been of great benefit to him in his life as a practical farmer. He inherited much of his father's ability in that line, and well understands how to conduct his extensive farming interests to the best advantage. He has a beautiful tract of nine hundred acres of land, lying mostly on the fertile plains of Pickaway County, which is highly improved. Mr. Hitler took up his residence on this farm in 1881, and in 1886 erected the fine, modern frame house, a view of which is shown on another page. It is commodious and substantially built, and his barns and other buildings are of the same order. The farm is well kept, everything about the place always as it should be, and nothing is allowed to be out of repair. It is devoted principally to raising corn and wheat, of which large harvests are gathered yearly, but in its rich pastures are found some cattle, horses, etc., of good grades. Mr. Hitler is of a retiring disposition, but frank and kindly withal, and his neighbors know him to be accommodating and friendly, always willing to do another a favor. He is a stanch Democrat, but has never had aspirations for office.

JAMES M. EDWARDS, Coroner of Fayette County, occupies a beautiful residence at No. 415 South Fayette Street, Washington C. H., where he has surrounded his family with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. A representative pioneer of the county and a man whose piety and honor entitle him to more than passing mention, he is probably as well known as any of the early settlers, and is respected wherever known. His life has been characterized by ceaseless industry, both as surveyor, stock-dealer, real-estate owner and public official.

Ohio is the native State of Mr. Edwards, and he was born at Bellbrook, Greene County, December 21, 1821. His father, William Edwards, was born in South Carolina, but came North on account of the curse of slavery. He located first at Cincinnati, where he married Miss Charlotte, a

sister of S. J. Brown, a wealthy and noted citizen of that city. She was born in England, but came to America when quite young and grew to womanhood in Cincinnati. After their marriage, they removed to Lebanon and afterward to Greene County, later purchasing a farm in Fayette County, in 1832. Until his death, in 1845, the father resided on his farm, to the cultivation of which he devoted his attention. He was a man of great kindliness of heart and probity of life, and occupied a warm place in the confidence of his fellow-men.

Among the family of ten children born to William and Charlotte Edwards was James M., who was a lad of ten years when he accompanied his parents to Fayette County. He studied the usual text-books of the country and village schools, and later engaged as a teacher for eight years, meeting with success as an instructor of the young. With the earnings thus accumulated, he purchased a tract of land in Paint Township, near the village of Bloomingburgh, and handled stock quite extensively, although he never made his home on the place, but resided in Bloomingburgh. He has sold one estate, but still retains in his possession a well-cultivated and highly-improved place of one hundred and forty acres, the rental of which proves remunerative. In 1884, he removed to Washington C. H., where he bought a neat and attractive residence and expects to spend his remaining years in that home.

With the public life of the county, Mr. Edwards has probably been as closely identified as any citizen thereof, and is the stalwart adherent of all measures that tend to the general welfare of the people. For eighteen years, he served as Justice of the Peace in Paint Township. He has been Infirmary Director for three years; is serving his third term as County Coroner; is now, and for the past three years has been, Health Officer, and was Assistant Revenue Assessor for three years. During the Civil War, he was one of the Ohio State Messengers to the army, making one trip to New Orleans and two to Richmond. He was mustered into the United States service as Second Lieutenant, and resigned after recruiting a company. He went on the Morgan raid with his horse and buggy, and was never idle in the defense of the Union. His interest in educational matters has been unflagging and deep, and for many years he worked effectively as a member of the School Board at Bloomingburgh and also as School Examiner for the county. His mathematical ability rendered his work for forty years as a surveyor peculiarly successful and accurate.

The first marriage of Mr. Edwards united him with Miss Sarah Stewart, who at her death left a daughter, Mary, now a resident of Washington C. H. with her father. March 25, 1852, Mr. Edwards and Miss Jane Amerman were united in marriage. She was born in Goshen, Orange County, N. Y., and came to Frankfort, Ross County, Ohio, with her parents at an early day. Mrs. Edwards died April 9, 1892, leaving two surviving children: Erskine S., who is engaged in the mercantile business at Washington C. H.; and Frank E., who is an Episcopalian clergyman of New York City.

For forty-five years or more, Mr. Edwards has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is an Elder. As a Sunday-school worker, he is especially successful and popular. For thirty-six years, he taught the same class in the Bloomingburgh Sunday-school, and in Washington C. H. he now has two classes of sixty members, ranging in age from eighteen to seventy years. He is also interested in mission work and attends a mission Sunday-school every Sunday afternoon. The only two organizations with which he has ever been identified are the Presbyterian Church and the Republican party, and both in religion and politics he has labored effectively for the advancement of others and the common good of all mankind.

PERRY C. THOMAS is one of the native-born sons of Pickaway County, born in Monroe Township, March 12, 1838, coming of one of the early families of this region, and he is numbered among its farmers and stockmen who form such an important part of the

population and are so essential to the continued progress and prosperity of the county. He is a resident of Muhlenberg Township, where he has a large and finely improved farm.

William Thomas, the father of our subject, was born at Harper's Ferry, Va., January 22, 1801. His father brought him and other members of his family to Ohio in 1810, making the journey with a team, and at first settled near Chillicothe. A year later he removed to this county and took up his abode near Clarkston. The following year he located in Monroe Township, and there his earthly pilgrimage was brought to a close by his death.

Our subject's father was bred to the life of a farmer amid pioneer surroundings. He was married March 12, 1822, to Miss Elizabeth Norris, who was born near Harper's Ferry, May 22, 1802. She came here with her parents in 1810. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas began their wedded life in the most primitive manner, as was the custom in those days for young couples. All the furniture that he bought cost him but $3 in money. Poles were placed with one end in the wall of the log house and the other supported by posts so as to form a bedstead, and Mrs. Thomas cooked before an open fire in a rude fireplace. Notwithstanding this humble beginning, prosperity smiled upon them, as they were diligent, persevering and prudent, and at the time of his death, Mr. Thomas owned thirteen hundred acres of land, of which he developed a large tract into a good farm. He was widely known and universally respected and liked, and when he died, at scarcely fifty years of age, his death was greatly lamented and considered a public loss. He was a leader among the Methodists, being a man of earnest Christian spirit, and he was one of the organizers of the old Hebron Church in Monroe Township. His good wife was also a zealous working member of that church, and at her death, April 21, 1873, a true Christian passed to her reward. Uncle Billy and Aunt Betsy, as they were affectionately called, held a warm place in the hearts of their many friends and their memory is still cherished by all who knew and loved them.

The following is the record of their children: Elizabeth, born January 23, 1823, died in infancy; George W., born May 20, 1824, died at the age of twenty-two years; Milton M., born October 25, 1825, died in 1879; Benjamin, born May 26, 1827, died young; Thornton, born February 22, 1829, died young; Jane, born August 12, 1830, died young; Jackson, born December 8, 1831, lives on a farm in Monroe Township; Mary A., born December 19, 1833, married Mr. King, a farmer of Monroe Township; William H., born May 15, 1835, is a farmer in Monroe Township; Perry C., our subject, is the next in order of birth; Margaret, born September 18, 1839, married Mr. Henderson, and lives in Missouri; Sarah W., now Mrs. Maddox, of Waterloo, Fayette County, was born July 10, 1841; Elizabeth J. H. (second) now Mrs. Henderson, was born February 7, 1845.

Our subject was reared on a farm in Monroe Township. He laid the foundation of a solid education in the district schools which was supplemented by a course of study at Dublin Hill, and by a year's study in school at Mt. Sterling. The first school that he attended was a typical pioneer institution of learning, the house being made of logs, heated by an open fireplace with a mud and stick chimney, and the seats were slab benches with pin legs. The school was conducted under the rate-bill system.

At the age of twenty-one, Mr. Thomas began life on his own account. His father had died when he was nine years old, and he continued to live with his mother, managing the home farm until her death in 1873. He at one time owned three hundred acres of land in Monroe Township, but he sold it, and coming to this township, farmed his brother's farm until 1879. In that year he bought his present farm of three hundred and thirty-eight acres, all highly cultivated, and carries on a good business as a general farmer, raising wheat, corn, clover and timothy grass, besides fattening cattle, and having his farm well stocked with a good grade of Durhams, and some draft horses of his own breeding.

Our subject was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Donesife, February 13, 1879. She was born in 1844, and came to this township with her parents, who settled in Darbyville in 1845. She understands well how to make a cheerful and comfortable home, and cordially unites with her

husband in making theirs one of the most hospitable abodes known to their hosts of friends. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church and a great helper in whatsoever of good it accomplishes.

Mr. Thomas is a man of fine parts, has a clear, active, well-trained intellect, a firm character, and his reputation as a practical farmer is of the highest. He is a loyal Democrat in politics, and his popularity is attested by the fact that he was elected Justice of the Peace for a term of three years, carrying the township, which is largely Republican, by fourteen votes. He has also served as a member of the School Board.

CLIFTON R. DRESBACH is a talented and enterprising young man, who is ably conducting extensive farming and stock interests in Pickaway, his native county. He is descended from an honored pioneer of this part of Ohio, and he still occupies the old homestead, which is a large and valuable farm on section 10, Pickaway Township, on which he was born, August 14, 1855. His father, John E. Dresbach, was born in Berks County, Pa., in 1830, and was a son of the Rev. John Dresbach, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume.

John E. Dresbach was a year old when his parents removed to Ohio and settled in the township of Pickaway, on the farm on which his son of whom we write now resides, and here his remaining years were spent, his death occurring in November, 1864, while yet in life's prime. Pioneer influences helped to mould his character, and he became a valued citizen of the township of his adoption. He was educated in a district school that was kept on one corner of his father's farm. He was trained to the life of a farmer, and carried on that occupation on the old homestead as long as he lived. Both he and his wife were members of the Evangelical Church, and were liberal supporters of that and of whatsoever else would in any way promote the highest interests of the community. They were married in 1852, and she survived him nearly five years, dying in May, 1869. Her maiden name was Mary Reedy, and she was a native of Greene Township, Ross County. Her father, John Reedy, was a pioneer of Ross County, going there from Pennsylvania in 1821. The parents of our subject had two other children beside himself: Clara, who died in infancy; and Mina, who died in March, 1864, at the age of one year.

Our subject is the second child of the family and the sole survivor. After his mother's death, when he was fourteen years old, he went to live with his uncle, Martin Dresbach, with whom he remained until he was twenty years old. He was given fine educational advantages, and after attending the district schools, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, in 1873. He was a close student at that institution of learning two years, and brought a well-trained mind to his work, when, in the spring of 1875, he returned to the old Dresbach homestead to take charge of it, and enter upon his career as a farmer, in which he has met with marked success. This farm, which his grandfather purchased of a Mr. Bishop in 1830 in all its original wildness, comprises four hundred acres of choice land, all lying in a body, the soil being red sandy clay, or of limestone constituents, and very highly cultivated. It is finely situated, the land is beautifully rolling and diversified, and is well watered by Pumpkin Run, which is fed by springs and was never known to be dry. The drainage is also first-class, as Mr. Dresbach has paid great attention to that, sparing no money to perfect the system, and he has as much as eight miles of tiling, which was put in at a cost of $3,000. The farm is a model of its kind, and many of the fine improvements which greatly enhance its attractiveness and value have been placed here by himself. The buildings are substantially built, conveniently arranged, and roomy; the residence is a large, square frame house, of a handsome and appropriate style of architecture. Mr. Dresbach has engaged largely in feeding cattle the last fifteen years, and also in raising cattle of high grades. He does a large general farming business, and in his methods shows himself to be an enlightened and progressive agriculturist, who already stands among the first men of his calling in

his native county. He is brainy and well-informed, has decided and clear opinions of his own on all subjects with which he is conversant, and is manly and honorable in character. In politics, he is unswerving in his allegiance to the Republican party.

Our subject and Miss Pauline Hitler were united in marriage February 7, 1878, and they have one of the most charming and hospitable homes in the community. Four children complete their household circle: Marvin, John, Harry and Shirley. Mrs. Dresbach is a native of Pickaway County, and a daughter of Abraham Hitler. Her father was born in Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio in an early day of its settlement. He became a prosperous farmer in Washington Township, and there his life was brought to a close in 1869. His wife survived him until 1887, when she too passed away. They had two children, of whom our subject's wife is one, and the other is Mary, who married Frank Dreisbach, and lives in Circleville Township.

JAMES H. McCLIMANS, who is practically living a retired life in Mt. Sterling, has the honor of being a native of Madison County. He was born in Range Township, October 10, 1854, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families. His father, Isaac McClimans, was born in the Scioto Valley, in 1805, and in 1812, when a lad of seven years, came to Range Township with his father. He was twice married, and had eight children. His second wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Claridge, and was a native of Fayette County, was the mother of our subject. Mr. McClimans became an extensive land-owner, his possessions aggregating seven hundred acres, and was one of the well-to-do farmers of the township. His death occurred in June, 1880, at the ripe old age of seventy-five years.

The subject of this sketch grew to manhood upon his father's farm in Range Township and received a good education in the common schools of the neighborhood. When a boy, he began buying calves, which he would raise upon his father's farm and then sell. In this way, he got a start in life. Subsequently, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and was engaged in farming in Range Township one year, and for two years in Pickaway County, on land belonging to his wife. In 1884, he purchased his present home and twenty acres of land on the London Road, which he laid out in town lots and named McClimansville. He has now sold over half of the lots and a number of them have been built upon. As his financial resources have increased, Mr. McClimans also bought more land, until the income derived from his farm is now sufficient to enable him to live retired without performing any manual labor for his support.

On the 26th of November, 1880, Thanksgiving Day, our subject was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Bennett, of Mt. Sterling, who was born in Monroe Township, Pickaway County, February 26, 1861. Her girlhood days were there passed and she came to Mt. Sterling with her father after her mother's death. Unto them have been born two children: Nellie, born in Range Township, Madison County, October 21, 1881, and Vona, born in McClimansville, June 3, 1884.

Mr. McClimans supports the Democratic party by his ballot, his first vote having been cast for Samuel J. Tilden. He is an enterprising and sagacious business man, who by industry and good management has acquired a sufficient capital to enable him to spend his remaining days in retirement from labor.

HON. HORACE L. HADLEY. To applaud human achievements is a trait of character common to all mankind, and seems especially appropriate when one has struggled against poverty and discouraging influences, and won a name and fame which is not limited by the arbitrary lines separating counties or States. Such has been the experience of Mr. Hadley, a prominent member of the Fayette County Bar, where he has practiced since April 8, 1870.

In the rural home of Winthrop and Sybil (Worthen) Hadley, in Sandwich, Carroll County, N. H., May 7, 1837, was born a son, who was named Horace L. The child was reared on his father's farm amid the picturesque scenery of his native State, and was given a good education in the common schools of Sandwich and in Beede's Academy, which he attended for a number of terms. At the age of twenty-three, he went to Peabody, Mass., where he read law in the office of Sidney C. Bancroft for one year, proceeding thence to Salem, the same State. In that city he prosecuted his legal studies in the office of Perry & Endicott, the former the author of the well-known law book, "Perry on Trusts and Trustees," and one of the finest insurance lawyers in the New England States; and the latter Secretary of War during the administration of President Cleveland.

September 16, 1862, Mr. Hadley was admitted to practice at the Bar of the State of Massachusetts, and in August, 1862, following, enlisted in Company C, Fifth Massachusetts Infantry. With his regiment in October, he proceeded to New Berne, N. C., and participated in the second attack on that place, and also in the engagements at Whitehall, Goldsboro and Trenton. At the expiration of nine months—his term of service—he sailed for Massachusetts, June 26, 1863. Although his term of service was short, he came near losing his life, having been dangerously ill for several weeks.

As soon as he was sufficiently recovered, Mr. Hadley returned to his old home in Sandwich, N. H., in August, 1863, and there spent two months. Returning to Massachusetts, he opened a law office at Danvers November 1, 1863, having bought out a lawyer in that city. He was actively engaged in practice there until April, 1870, when he came to Ohio and located in Washington C. H. For four and one-half years he practiced alone, and then formed a partnership with Col. H. B. Maynard, which continued from October 1, 1874, until May 1, 1885. During that time, the firm enjoyed a very large practice in both State and United States courts, it being probably the largest practice ever done in Southern Ohio in one year, outside of Cincinnati and Columbus. From January 1, 1877, until January 1, 1878, their legal transactions were unprecedented for a place the size of Washington C. H.

When the new court house was erected, the old office of the firm was torn down and the partnership was dissolved, since which time Mr. Hadley has practiced alone. When the Midland Block was built, he was one of its chief projectors and one of the three who erected it in 1885. He has since sold his interest, although he retains his office in the block. While his practice has demanded an enormous amount of close and arduous work, Mr. Hadley has also served in various public capacities. He has filled the position of Councilman from the Third Ward. In 1881, he was elected to the Legislature, and re-elected two years later, serving for four years. During the first two years he was Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, also a member of the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, the Committee on Ditches, Drains and Watercourses, and the special committee of twenty who were appointed to re-district the State.

During his last term as Representative, Mr. Hadley served on the Railroad and Telegraph Committee as well as on the Committee on Ditches, Drains and Watercourses. During his entire service in the Legislature, he probably introduced twenty bills of a general character, of which doubtless one-half passed. He introduced the bill requiring the doing away with seals on deeds and mortgages, which passed the Senate in the form of the Walker Bill.

September 1, 1868, Mr. Hadley was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Emerson, of Danvers, Mass., and they have two children: Olive B. and Harry L. The religious home of the family is in the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Hadley is Deacon and Treasurer. For several years he has been President of the Business Men's Committee, and is actively interested in the building up of the city. His social connections are with the Temple Lodge, I. O. O. F., Fayette Encampment, and John M. Bell Post, G. A. R. In addition to his property in Washington C. H., he is the owner of three farms in Fayette County, which he rents.

There are many in this world who, like Longfellow's Gabriel in search of Evangeline, let the

golden opportunities to win success and renown glide swiftly away "like the shade of a cloud on the prairie." It has not been so in the life of Mr. Hadley. He has few equals as a clear-headed man of affairs and judge of human nature. He is keen to perceive and prompt to execute; his sympathies are quick and on the side of right and justice; his energy indomitable and his friendships warm. He is now in the prime of his vigor and usefulness, and it is safe to say that the future will bring to him added honors in the world of action.

JERRY BRADLY. Among the early settlers of Madison County were the Bradlys and Bakers, of whom our subject is a lineal descendant in the third generation, the Bradlys having lived here for over eighty years. Our subject is a farmer and is the proprietor of a good farm, eight miles southwest of Plain City, in Canaan Township. He was a valiant soldier during the late war and has been for many years prominent in the public, social and religious life of the community.

Mr. Bradly was born November 9, 1841, in Monroe Township, Madison County, and is a son of William Bradly. His father was born in Virginia, in 1804, and was in his fourth year when he came with his parents to Ohio. They located in what is now Monroe Township and were among the very first to settle there. The father of our subject grew to man's estate in that place and was there married to Anna Baker, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of William and Anna Baker, who settled in Little Darby, in Monroe Township, when she was a young girl. After marriage, the parents of our subject took up their home on a farm in Monroe Township, where they had been reared. They lived there until 1857, and then removed to Lynn Township, Hardin County, where the father died, June 1, 1862. His venerable widow is still living and is now eighty-one years old. They had eleven children, of whom nine grew to maturity and five are living, four sons and one daughter, as follows: Cassandra Booth, of Madison County; Cornelius, a resident of London City; Jerry; Henry, a resident of Hardin County; and Martin L., also a resident of Hardin County.

He of whom we write is the seventh child and third son of the family in order of birth. In his boyhood he went to school in a log house in his native township, and finished his education in Hardin County, after the family removed there. He remained with his father until the latter's death, and was well instructed in all that appertains to farming. He watched the course of the Civil War with intense interest, and in 1863, in the opening years of a vigorous, self-reliant manhood, he enlisted in defense of the Union, and it may well be his pride that he helped to give victory to Northern arms, and had a part in saving his country's honor. He went to the front as a member of Company I, Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry, and fought valiantly as long as his services were needed, remaining in the army until after the Rebellion closed, not receiving his discharge until October 7, 1865, at Victoria, Tex., and obtaining his pay at Columbus, the State capital. He accompanied his regiment on the Atlanta campaign, and he took an active part in the fight at Nashville, December 16, 1864, beside being present at numerous other engagements. For two months he was sick at Knoxville, having succumbed to the hardships and privations that he had to endure.

After his return from Southern battlefields, Mr. Bradly resumed his early occupation, that he had abandoned in order to become a soldier, and soon after his marriage, in 1867, he located on a rented farm, which he farmed one year and then bought a farm of his own west of his present homestead, which he purchased in 1875, having sold the other one at a good price. This contains fifty-nine acres of choice and exceedingly fertile land, which is in a fine condition and is well stocked with cattle, hogs, and other stock. The buildings are kept in good order, and our subject and his wife have established here a very pleasant, cozy home, the seat of an abiding hospitality, with the latch-string always out, and friend or stranger sure of a cordial welcome from the amiable hostess and genial host.

Mr. Bradly and Miss Martha Bidwell were united in marriage August 11, 1867, and among

the blessings that have come to them are three children, two daughters and a son. The eldest child died in infancy. The others are Ammazeta A., who was born September 4, 1871, and is the wife of James Clunk, of Canaan Township; and Fidella M., born October 30, 1876, and at home with her parents.

Our subject is a man in whom his fellow-citizens have perfect confidence, as his character is without blemish and his principles are of the highest order. He has figured largely in the public life of the community as an incumbent of various offices of trust. He has been on the School Committee and was School Director, was Trustee of his township for six years and is now Supervisor of Roads. In politics, he is a strict Republican. He is one of the leading members of the Harry Scribner Post No. 222, G. A. R., of which he was Sergeant-Major at one time. He belongs to the Urania Lodge No. 311, A. F. & A. M., at Plain City. He is a man of earnest religious thought, and perhaps no one has done more to build up the Methodist Episcopal Mission Chapel, of which he is a member, than he. He is one of the Stewards, Trustees and Elders of the church, is Treasurer of the Sunday-school and has been the Superintendent thereof.

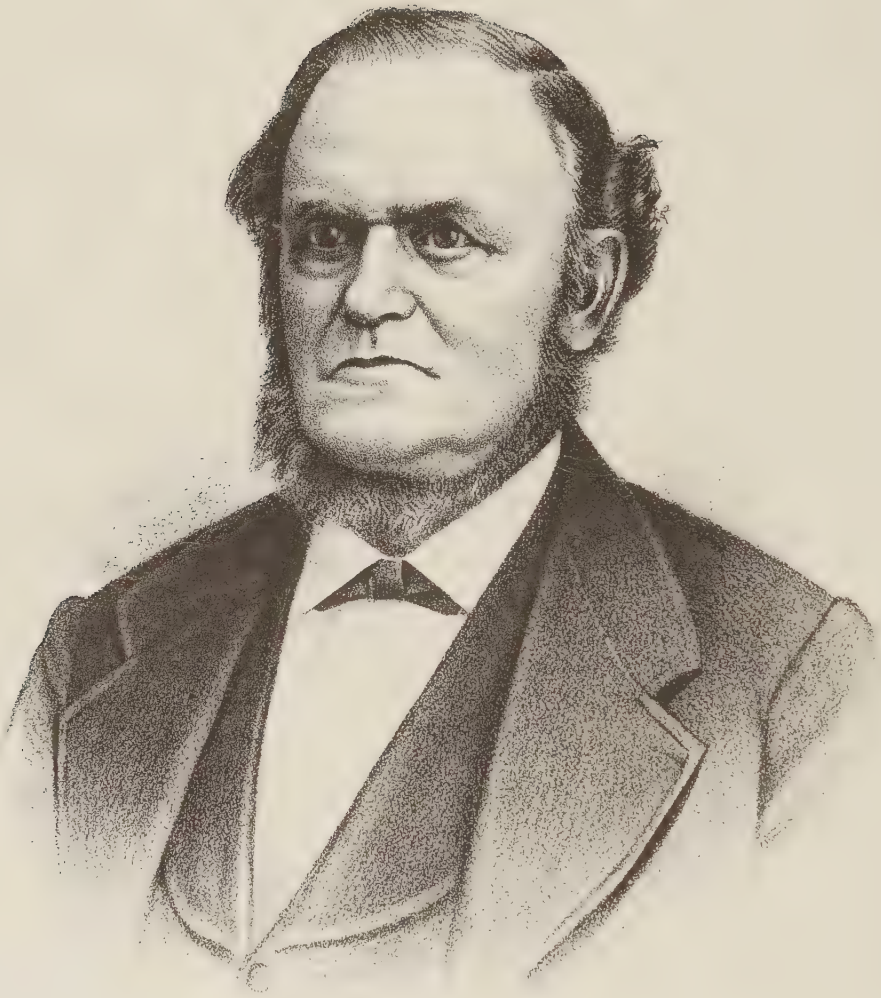
GEORGE T. EMERSON. The Emerson family was among the first to settle in Pickaway County, and its various members have borne an honorable part in the development of its agricultural resources. Its present representative, of whom we write, who is a prosperous farmer, was born August 11, 1840, upon the farm on section 18, Pickaway Township, which has always been his home.

Thomas Emerson, the father of our subject, was born in Hampshire County, Va., September 27, 1785. In 1806, he came to Ohio, and located in the primeval wilds of Pickaway County. His father, whose name was the same as his own, came hither with his family at the same time, and he was one of the very first to select the site of his home on the famous Pickaway Plains. Indians still lived here, wild game was plentiful, and the surrounding country was mostly in all its primitive wildness. The grandfather of our subject erected a log cabin for a dwelling, and busied himself in the development of a farm while his life was spared. He died in 1826, at the ripe old age of three-score and ten years.

The father of our subject was twenty-one years old when he came here, and being in the opening years of a stalwart, sturdy manhood, he was well equipped for his work as a pioneer, and well did he perform it by improving a good farm in Pickaway Township, where he lived an esteemed citizen for seventy years, his death occurring in 1876, at the venerable age of ninety-one years. He married Margaret Kennedy, who was a native of Kentucky, and whose parents settled here in an early day. She was the mother of four children: James; Mary A., wife of Julius J. Wright; one who died in infancy; and our subject, who is the youngest of the family. She died in 1848, aged forty-five years.

George T. Emerson attended the district school in the neighborhood of his birthplace in his boyhood, the first school he went to being taught in a log house. As he grew up, he gained a thorough insight into farming, on the old homestead under his father's instruction, and in 1871 he began farming on his own account on his father's farm, which is now his own. By his excellent management he shows himself to be a good, practical farmer, who uses intelligently methods best adapted to the soil, and keeps everything about his place in good shape. He has eighty-four acres of well-tilled land, and the farm is adorned with a neat set of buildings, including a substantial brick residence, built in 1879. Mr. Emerson is loyal in his citizenship, taking pride in the flourishing condition of his native county, and in him the Democratic party has a faithful adherent.

Our subject was happily married in 1871 to Miss Ruth Ann Lindsey, who was born in Circleville Township in 1848, and is a daughter of John J. and Mary (Harmon) Lindsey. Her parents were natives respectively of Virginia and Ohio. The father died in 1875, aged sixty-five years, and the mother in 1873. The latter was of the old pio-



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neer stock of the State, and a Lutheran in religion. Mrs. Emerson is one of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity, and nine of them still living. Her union with our subject has been fruitful to them of four children, whom they have named Mary L., Thomas D., George H. and Ned Ray, respectively.

ELIAB L. FORD. There are some men in every community who naturally come to the front in spite of the lack of early advantages or the many discouragements which may meet them in their upward career. They possess sufficient energy and perseverance to overcome the obstacles in their path and win for themselves a foremost position in their vocations. A most worthy illustration of this class of self-made men is afforded by the life of Mr. Ford, a prominent citizen of Fayette County and the owner of a splendid farm in Jasper Township.

When Mr. Ford came to Fayette County, in October, 1846, he settled on his present homestead, making a purchase of one hundred acres, for which he paid $18 per acre. He has since added to the original amount, paying different prices, ranging from $18 to $90 per acre, until now he is the owner of sixteen hundred acres of finely-improved land. He has embellished the place with a substantial set of farm buildings, including a commodious and comfortable residence, and a store building in which he keeps a stock of dry goods and groceries. In connection with farming, he carries on an extensive live-stock business, in which he has met with success.

A native of Maine, born in Gray, September 20, 1819, our subject traces his lineage to the Pilgrim Fathers. His paternal grandparents were Nathaniel and Mary (Jones) Ford, natives of Maine. His father, James Ford, was born August 19, 1796, and was reared to maturity in his native State, Maine, where he married Miss Lucy Latham. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Eliab L., of this sketch; James, Jr., born March 14, 1823, died September 3, 1860; Mary J., born July 24, 1824, died November 17, 1870; Lucy L., born April 10, 1827; Nathaniel, May 19, 1829; and Charles, April 29, 1833.

During the summer of 1850, James Ford removed from Maine to Warren County, Ohio, where he resided until his demise, April 1, 1865. His death was the result of an accident, he being thrown from a wagon and sustaining injuries which finally proved fatal. The mother of our subject was born December 18, 1798, in Gray, Me., and died December 25, 1891, at Maineville, Warren County, Ohio, having one week before her demise celebrated her ninety-fourth birthday.

In the public schools and academies of his native State, our subject received a good education and employed the vacation seasons in aiding his father in the store. When twenty years of age, he started out for himself, coming to Montgomery, Hamilton County, Ohio, where he taught school for a couple of years. He was there married, June 4, 1843, to Martha M. Snider, a daughter of Gen. John and Hannah (Moore) Snider, the former a native of Hamilton County, Ohio, and the latter of Newburgh, N. Y. John Snider was born August 31, 1798, and served in the Indian Wars, gaining the distinction of Brigadier-General; he also recruited men for the Mexican War. He passed his entire life in his native county, where his death occurred May 24, 1857. His wife was born March 9, 1800, and died July 24, 1832. Two of their nine children are now living: Mary and Martha. The deceased are: Cindory, Rozeny, Ethelinda, Cornelius, John, Harvey and Sarah.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford are the parents of seven children, as follows: Sarah L., born June 10, 1844, married John L. Barnes; Lucy E., born June 13, 1847; Mary O., June 24, 1851; Charles E., born January 23, 1854, is a farmer in Illinois; Frank, born July 22, 1856, is a lawyer in St. Paul, Minn.; James, born March 3, 1862, is engaged in the hardware business at Washington Court House; William S., born December 21, 1864, completes the family circle. Mr. Ford and his estimable wife are members of the Universalist Church, and are prominent in the social circles of the community.

A pronounced Democrat in his politics, Mr. Ford has been called upon by his fellow-citizens to oc-

cupy public positions of trust. For a period of almost thirty years he was Township Treasurer, and in 1872 was elected County Commissioner, serving one term. He was a Director in the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, at Washington Court House, for several years. During the late war, he contributed freely to the support of the Union, but being advanced in years, and with his family dependent upon him, he was unable to enlist for active service. In 1847, he became a member of Fayette Lodge No. 107, F. & A. M., and has taken the Chapter degrees at Wilmington, Commandery degrees at Chillicothe, and Scottish Rite, Thirty-second degree.

The lithographic portrait of Mr. Ford appears on an accompanying page.

ANDREW JACKSON STROUP. The gentleman of whom we write is engaged in farming and stock-raising on his fine arable farm, located one mile south of Mt. Sterling, Pleasant Township, Madison County. He was born in Highland County, this State, October 29, 1838, and is the son of Clayborn and Mary (Stroup) Stroup, also natives of Highland County.

Grandfather Stroup came to Highland County from Pennsylvania, in 1801. His father was a native of Holland, and emigrated to America in 1770. The paternal grandfather, Michael Stroup, was the owner of over three thousand acres of land in Highland County, and was the father of a family of fourteen children. His wife bore the maiden name of Polly Walker, and is a native of Fleming County, Ky. The grandparents gave to each of their children one hundred acres of land, the father of our subject's portion being in the possession of his son, Franklin P. Stroup. The father accumulated considerable property, and at his decease left an estate aggregating four hundred acres.

Of the ten children included in the parental family, seven grew to mature years, namely: Louisa, who married Arthur A. Puckett, resides in Kansas; Armenus, a farmer in Highland County, this State; Margaret, who married George Ellis, died in Dodson Township, Highland County; our subject is next in order of birth; Mary Ann, who married Philip Creamer, keeps an hotel in Hillsboro, this State; Joseph, who resides on a part of the home farm; and Frank P., who also lives on the home place. Eli died when twelve or fourteen years old.

Andrew Stroup received a fair education in the common schools, and when old enough, aided his father in clearing the home farm. He began life for himself when eighteen years of age, at which time his father gave him a farm of fifty acres, which he placed under excellent cultivation, and which was located near Lynchburg. December 25, 1861, Mr. Stroup was married to Miss Martha Puckett, who was born in Mt. Sterling, March 20, 1840. She is the daughter of John and Catherine (Busick) Puckett, and removed with her parents to the farm which is the present home of our subject, when thirteen years of age. After his marriage, our subject located on his own property, where he made his home until 1865, then lived for one season with his father-in-law. He then purchased sixty-four acres in Darby Township, Pickaway County, which he still owns, and which they resided upon until 1890, when they removed to their present home, which was the inheritance of his wife. The estate includes one hundred and nine well-improved acres, which our subject has cultivated in a most intelligent manner. Mrs. Stroup was the youngest in a family of four children, her brother and sisters being Arthur, May and Sarah.

To our subject and his wife have been born the following seven children: Joseph, who was born January 15, 1866, is married, and is engaged as an engineer on a passenger train on the Pan Handle Road; he has two children, and lives in Columbus, this State. Georgiana, who was born June 8, 1867, married William Simpkins, and resides at Conneaut; Seymour, who was born October 7, 1863, is married, and lives in Columbus; Minnie W., who was born August 26, 1871, is now at home; Alma, who was born March 3, 1874, died May 11, 1891; Byron, who was born February 9, 1876, is at home, and Charles Cleveland, who was born April 30, 1885, is the youngest of the family.

James Stroup, the maternal uncle of our subject, was the first male child born in Dodson Township, Highland County. He departed this life September 14, 1891, when eighty-three years of age. Another uncle, Joseph Stroup, removed to Huntington County, Ind., in 1840, where he became very wealthy, and died in May, 1891, in Warren, that State, when eighty years of age.

He of whom we write is a Democrat, in politics, as was his father before him. His grandfathers on both sides of the house, Michael and Antony Stroup, fought in the War of 1812, under Gen. Jackson, and participated in the battle of New Orleans. Our subject, together with his wife and several of their children, are members of the Christian Church in Mt. Sterling. Mrs. Stroup's father was the second settler in Mt. Sterling, where he owned a large tan yard. He commenced life as an apprentice, and at his death was very wealthy, owning over six hundred acres of land. He died May 13, 1888, on the place where our subject lives at the age of eighty-three years.

WILLIAM R. DUVALL, editor and proprietor of the *Union-Herald* of Circleville, was born in Shadeville, Franklin County, Ohio, on the 16th of July, 1859, and is a son of Thomas B. and Chloe (Chester) Duvall. His matrnal grandfather, Miles Chester, was a farmer and a prominent citizen of Franklin County. The family is of French descent. The paternal grandfather was born in Berks County, Pa., and when a young man emigrated to Ohio, in 1804, locating near South Bloomfield. He was a successful farmer and spent his last days near Shadeville. Thomas Duvall was born in South Bloomfield, and in his early life drove cattle to market in Baltimore and New York for same ten seasons. He even went to Illinois for parties, driving their cattle from Monticello to the East. He afterwards turned his attention to general farming in Harrison Township, and bought land, which he operated from 1859 until March, 1875, when he removed to a farm, which he purchased near Wapakoneta, Auglaize County, Ohio. He there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death in 1885. His wife was a native of Licking County, Ohio, and prior to her marriage engaged in school teaching. She yet survives her husband and is living on the old home farm.

Our subject is the eldest of four children, three of whom are yet living. He spent his boyhood days in Harrison Township until fifteen years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Auglaize County. He attended the common schools until seventeen years of age and then began teaching, which profession he followed for five years. During his vacations he attended college in Danville, Ind., and at the age of twenty-two became connected with journalistic work. He spent one year in the office of the Wapakoneta *Bee*, and was then with the Auglaize County *Democrat* as its foreman, from May, 1883, until August, 1887, when he bought a one-third interest in the Auglaize *Republican*. He afterwards owned a half interest in that office, with which he was connected until January 1, 1890, when he came to Circleville, and with Harry E. Lutz, Postmaster of Circleville, became proprietor of the *Union-Herald*. On the 1st of September following he bought out his partner and is now sole proprietor.

The *Union-Herald* was established in August, 1817, and is the oldest paper in the county. It was originally published under the name of the *Olive Branch* by James Foster. It is a weekly, seven-column quarto, a bright, newsy sheet, which supports the Republican party. With it is connected a good job office, which is run by steam power and does one-half of the job work of the county. Mr. Duvall is an easy and fluent writer, has won success in journalistic work and well deserves a liberal patronage.

On the 29th of April, 1890, in Wapakoneta, Mr. Duvall married Miss Minnie Torrance, who was born amid the Adirondack Mountains in Essex County, N. Y., and was reared in Auglaize County, Ohio. Her father, Prof. William F. Torrance, was for a number of years Superintendent of Schools in that county, then held the office of County Auditor seven years, retiring in 1891. Mr. and

Mrs. Duvall have a little daughter, Marguerite. They are well known and prominent people of this community who rank high in social circles. Mr. Duvall is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Methodist Church, and is Secretary of the County Republican Executive Committee. He is a pleasant, courteous gentleman and all who know him esteem him highly.

JOHN M. BRADLEY, who was born in one of the pioneer homes of Madison County, June 17, 1833, occupies an important position both in the industrial and public life of Monroe Township, where he makes his home on his farm, which is situated ten miles west and a little south of Plain City. He is a son of Alfred Bradley, who was born in Virginia, in 1804. He in turn was a son of Jonah and Susan (Powers) Bradley, who came to Ohio in 1805, and were among the first settlers of Monroe Township, where the father of our subject passed his boyhood. After attaining manhood, he was married to Jemima Morrow, a native of New York, who had been brought to Ohio when she was a small child by her parents, who were pioneers of Madison County, where she was reared. After marriage, the Bradleys took up their home on a new farm, and the father worked industriously at its improvement until his untimely death by drowning, at the age of forty-five. The mother died in Monroe Township when her son of whom we write was ten years old. She had four children that grew to manhood and womanhood, of whom our subject and his sister Elizabeth are the only survivors.

Our subject was the second child born to his worthy parents, who early instilled into his mind the principles that have been his guide through life. He first attended school in a log house, that was a typical pioneer institution of learning, with rude home-made furniture, the seats being made of slabs, and the desks of the same material, placed against the wall for the convenience of the older pupils in writing. When but ten years old, the little lad was thrown mostly on his own resources and had to work out by the month for a living, so that his schooling thereafter was confined to the winter terms, when he worked for his board that he might have an opportunity to gain an education. He lived with his Grandmother Bradley a part of the time, and also with an uncle, earning his own living entirely after he was twelve years old. When he was sixteen years old, he crossed the mountains with a drove of cattle, walking all the way to Pennsylvania and back. While still a boy, he lived two years in Mercer County, this State, and passed a year in Logan County, Ill., but with those exceptions he has always lived in Madison County.

Mr. Bradley located where he now resides at once after his marriage in the autumn of 1859. There were but few improvements on the place at that time, and he has made the farm what it is today by skillful and untiring labor, working systematically, carrying out every detail carefully and employing none but the best methods in cultivating the soil and in managing his affairs generally. He has one hundred and seventy acres in his homestead, beside eighty-seven acres elsewhere in the township. The buildings are substantial and well arranged, and everything about the place is indicative of the thrift, business energy and practical ability of the owner. He devotes it to general farming, and has it well stocked with fine horses, cattle and hogs.

Our subject was married to Miss Surrild, daughter of David and Sarah (Wever) Morris, in November, 1859. She, too, is a native of Monroe Township, born here June 24, 1839, and here she has passed her life thus far. Her marriage with our subject has brought them four sons and three daughters, of whom these four are living and complete their pleasant home circle: Lorenzo T., Stella M., M. Viola, and D. Cushman. Three of their children have passed to the life beyond: De Witt C., who died at the age of twenty-five years; Lydia, who was twenty years old at the time of her death, and Morris, who died in infancy.

Mr. Bradley is one of the leading public officials of the township, and has played a prominent part in the administration of local affairs, holding va-

rious responsible positions, for which he is well fitted, as he has the interests of his township at heart, is possessed of good business habits, and exercises the same skill and careful supervision in civic matters that he does in looking after his own private concerns, and he has never been known to neglect a trust. He was Clerk of the township from 1858 to 1864, and he still holds the office of Trustee, to which he was first elected in 1867, and of which he has been an incumbent continuously since, with the exception of the year 1880. He has also been Supervisor of Roads. In politics, he is first, last and always a Republican. He helped organize the first Christian Church in the township, and is one of its most active working members. Socially, he is a Mason, and belongs to Lodge No. 311 at Plain City.

MARTIN L. McCOY. The subject of this sketch makes his home in Union Township, Fayette County, and is the son of Abraham McCoy, of the same township, who was born near Washington C. H. about 1823. His father, James McCoy, came to Ohio from the Eastern part of the country. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Margaret Hoppes, and was the daughter of John Hoppes, of this county, a prominent farmer and a man of considerable wealth. Abraham and Margaret McCoy reared a family of ten children, and all of that large circle are still living. Elias, the eldest, lives at Washington C. H. and is a farmer; Sarah is the wife of Joseph Briggs and lives in Wayne Township, this county; John resides in Marion Township; James lives in Washington C. H. and is in the grocery business; Nannie is the wife of Al Melvin, a hardware merchant of Washington C. H.; our subject and a twin sister are next in order of age, the latter being Mary, the wife of W. J. Burnett, who is a farmer in North Dakota and President of the Farmers' Alliance there; F. M. McCoy lives in Wayne Township, where he carries on a farm; Allie James is in the poultry business in Muncie, Ind., and Clara married William Cleveland, who lives in the same city, where he is carrying on a clothing business. Mrs. Abraham McCoy died on the 3d of May, 1885, and was followed to her grave at Washington C. H. by her bereaved husband and all her children.

The subject of this sketch was born June 26, 1855, in Union Township, Fayette County, at the old homestead. His education was received in the district schools of his township, where he has always resided. On the 20th of November, 1883, he was united in marriage with Miss Annie M., daughter of Elias and Sarah Parrett.

Mr. Parrett was born February 4, 1811, in Virginia, his native place being in Shenandoah County, six miles north of Woodstock, and his parents were John and Catherine Parrett, who came to Ohio in the fall of 1811, when their son Elias was above eight months old. They traveled by wagon and settled six miles north of the Court House in Paint Township, thus becoming one of the earliest pioneers of the county. During the War of 1812, John Parrett was called to serve his country and fought all through that period of conflict. Upon the land which he bought upon Paint Creek he lived from 1811 to 1859, during which year he died. Eight of his eleven children grew to man's and woman's estate, and four of them are still living. The mother of Mrs. McCoy was Sarah, daughter of James and Elsie Conner, and of her five children, all of whom are now living, Mrs. McCoy is the youngest.

Mr. McCoy has a family of two children, one son and one daughter: Walter E., who was born January 10, 1887, and Florence, May 7, 1891. The splendid tract of one hundred and ten and one-half acres, which belongs to Mr. McCoy and comprises his home farm, is in a fine state of cultivation, and here he carries on general farming and stock-raising. He also operates a farm of three hundred and fifty acres adjoining, and this year (1892) he is harvesting one hundred and eighty acres of wheat, and makes a specialty of fine Brahma chickens and has some very fine specimens of this fowl.

Our subject is a member of Temple Lodge No. 227, I. O. O. F., at Washington C. H. His political views bring him into sympathy with the Demo-

cratic party, but he also belongs to the Farmers' Alliance. He ranks as one of the most enterprising young farmers of the county and is a most pleasant and agreeable gentleman to meet. His father-in-law, Elias Parrett, makes his home with his family and is now eighty-one years of age.

REV. HENRY MITCHELL, B. A., Rector of St. Philip's Church at Circleville, was born in Plymouth, Devonshire, England, February 4, 1849. His father, James, is likewise a native of that place and is a stone-cutter by trade. Grandfather Mitchell was killed in a stone quarry in England, and during the cholera plague at Plymouth, in 1849, his wife was the first to fall a victim to that dread disease. In 1853, James Mitchell emigrated from England to the United States, and during the following year his family joined him in Westchester County, N. Y., where he worked at his trade.

In May, 1861, James Mitchell enlisted in the Seventy-ninth New York Highlanders, and participated in the first and second battles of Bull Run, Vicksburg, Knoxville, Chancellorsville, and numerous engagements of less importance, although not less hazardous to life. In June, 1864, he was mustered out as Sergeant, and was offered a commission, but refused on account of his family. He was twice wounded at the first battle of Bull Run, but the injuries were not severe and he was never prevented from active duty on account of sickness. After the close of the war, he continued to work at his trade until old age compelled him to cease from active labors. He still resides in New York, at the age of seventy years (1892). He is universally esteemed, and in the community where he has so long resided is regarded as a man whose word is as good as his bond.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, Erastus Stephen, served in the English navy and participated in the Crimean War. His death occurred in England when he was quite old. His daughter, Jane E., was born in Plymouth, England, and now makes her home in New York. Her union with James Mitchell brought them thirteen children, four of whom are living. The eldest son, William S., served in the Civil War, enlisting as a member of the Twelfth New York Infantry.

The fourth in this family was Henry, who was a child of about five years when he accompanied his mother from Plymouth across the broad Atlantic in the sailing-vessel "Martha Ann," to New York, the voyage being a stormy one and occupying eight weeks and four days. He received common-school advantages in New York until he was fourteen, when he became clerk in a store. In 1865, he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a printer and was employed in that way for more than seven years. Feeling the need of a broader and more liberal education, he entered St. Stephen's College in January, 1873, and five years later graduated with the Degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Having resolved to become a minister of the Gospel, our subject entered the General Theological Seminary in New York and completed the course in 1881, after which he was ordained as a minister in St. John's Cathedral, at Denver, Colo., Bishop Spalding officiating. His first charge was as missionary at Pitkin, Colo., and after remaining in that connection one year, he returned East, and during the three following years was assistant Pastor of the Trinity Church, at Pottsville, Pa. In 1884, while in that city, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop M. DeWolfe Howe, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

After being Chaplain of St. Luke's Hospital in New York City one year, Missionary in Pennsylvania the same length of time, and Rector at Phillipsburgh, N. J., two and one-half years, in April, 1890, Rev. Mr. Mitchell came to Circleville and has since been Rector of St. Philip's Church. This church is one of the oldest in the State, having been organized in 1817, by Philander Chase, and the congregation now worships in a magnificent edifice, erected at a cost of $16,000. The work accomplished by Rev. Mr. Mitchell since he took charge of the church can hardly be over-estimated, and through his instrumentality the congregation has increased in numbers. He is a forcible and pleasing speaker, a genial companion and faithful pastor, and, as may well be imagined, occupies a

high place in the esteem of his parishioners. He is prominent in the Diocese of Southern Ohio and well known throughout the country. His ministerial duties occupy his attention to the almost entire exclusion of public affairs, but he believes it is a part of a man's religion to take an interest and keep well informed on political matters as well as all the great issues of the day; therefore he identified himself closely with the Republican party and never loses an opportunity to cast his ballot in its behalf. Socially, he is a Royal Arch Mason and prominent in the order. He is a welcome guest in the social circles of the city, where his genial disposition and sparkling wit enhance the enjoyment of the occasion.

GEORGE LUDWIG, a prominent farmer of Pickaway; and proprietor of one of the finest and most productive farms for which the famous Pickaway Plains are noted, is a native of this county, and a son of that excellent old pioneer, Jacob Ludwig, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Mr. Ludwig was born June 16, 1835, in the first brick house ever built in Pickaway County, on the old Ludwig homestead, that stood in the southeast corner of Circleville Township. He attended the district school, but, like many of the boys of his time, and even of the present day, was not fond of study and was not anxious to avail himself of the comparatively poor advantages afforded by the schools of that day. The one that he first attended was kept in the old-fashioned log house, furnished with slab seats, and a slab hewed with an adz and placed against the wall served as a writing desk for the scholars. The room was dingy and poorly lighted, and evidently offered poor attractions compared with the elegant modern structures which now dot this fine section of country, and it is little wonder that so many, like our subject, preferred to remain at home and assist in farm work, or spend the time in clearing.

Mr. Ludwig continued an inmate of the parental household until he was twenty-five years old, and then, in 1860, he married the lady of his choice, Miss Eliza Jane Young, a daughter of James Young, and a native of this county. Her father was also a native of this county, and a son of William Young, one of its early settlers, coming here from old Virginia in 1806. He was a descendant of one of the old families of that State. James Young was reared amid the primitive scenes of pioneer life in this county, and became one of its prosperous farmers, owning and occupying a farm in Pickaway Township, upon which he died in 1873, at the age of fifty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig have two sons: Jacob L., who is married and is a prosperous farmer in this township, and Charles E., who is at home with his parents, and has had charge of the farm since 1885. He is well educated, having attended the district school and the Commercial School at Columbus.

After his marriage, our subject turned his attention to farming, devoting his whole time to it, and lived in various localities in this township until 1882, when he came into possession of his present fine farm on section 5. He has since added a commodious and well-built frame house, and various other substantial improvements. The soil is a rich, sandy loam, easy of cultivation, and as productive as any in the Scioto Valley. In 1885, Mr. Ludwig turned over the management of his farm to his son Charles, as before mentioned, and has since lived in retirement.

Pickaway Township and County are noted for the numerous traces of the aboriginal settlers of the Northwest found within their borders. Several Indian mounds are found near our subject's farm, and he is quite familiar with their locality and distinguishing features. His farm is noted as the site of an old Indian burying-ground, comprising about five acres on the west side of it, the spot being marked by four ancient oaks. Many Indian relics have been found on the farm, and there are parts of it that, if thoroughly explored, undoubtedly would reveal many curious and interesting facts concerning the vanished dwellers of this soil in past centuries.

Mr. Ludwig is prominent in local politics as a time-honored Democrat, who is well known in the councils of his party as delegate to county, dis-

trict and State conventions, but he is not an aspirant for office. He is a zealous member of the United Brethren Church, being active in church matters, while his wife is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JACKSON BAKER, a capitalist and one of the wealthiest as well as most successful farmers of Monroe Township, is a native of Pickaway County, descended from its early pioneer stock, and is potent in advancing its interests. He was born February 21, 1830, into the pioneer home of Daniel and Mary (Davis) Baker, the former a native of Sussex County, Del., born in 1800, and the latter a native of Ross County, a daughter of one of its earliest settlers.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Pernal H. Baker, was a farmer and a miller by occupation, and a native of Sussex County, Del. He came to this county in 1820, journeying across mountains and a wild country generally with a team. He settled in Williamsport, this county, and established himself as a miller, being the pioneer of that industry in this part of the State. He built a gristmill on Deer Creek, the first one erected on the banks of that stream, and he operated it some years. He then bought a quarter-section of land in Perry Township, and erected the first gristmill there on Deer Creek, which is now known as Crownover's Mill, and he had that under his management many years. He also partly developed his farm, and died in the comfortable home that he had built thereon at a good old age, leaving behind him a golden record as one of our most useful pioneers. He was a Whig in politics and in religion was of the Methodist faith, a church-member. He and his wife, Sarah Baker, reared three boys and three girls. The mother lived to be over a hundred and four years old, and was also a devoted Methodist.

The father of our subject had not attained his majority when he accompanied the family to the new home in the wilderness of this county. He was married a few years later, and in the course of time became a prosperous farmer, working hard to reclaim his homestead of one hundred and eighty acres, and placing the most of it under cultivation. His farm was just over the line in Fayette County, and there he died at the age of fifty-two years, in the midst of a busy career. He was a worthy member of the Christian Church, interesting himself earnestly in its welfare, and his wife, who died at the age of fifty years, was likewise a member of that church, being quite strict in her religious views. He was a Democrat, sound and true, in politics. The following are the seven children reared by himself and his wife: Sarah, Mrs. Cutright; Elizabeth, Mrs. Nye; Mary, Mrs. Kemp; Jackson; Hester A., Mrs. Chaffin (deceased); Lucinda, Mrs. Chaffin; and J. Couuts. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Jesse Davis, a native of Delaware. He was one of the early pioneers of Ross County, where he developed a farm of about fifty acres, and there died at the age of seventy-five years, having been the father of five children.

The subject of this biographical record passed his early life as most other farmers' boys, and was educated in the primitive log schoolhouse of pioneer days, which was heated by a rude fireplace, had a clapboard roof, held down by logs, and was furnished with slab benches, a board against the side of the room serving as a writing-desk for the scholars. He was young when his experience of farm work began, and at the age of twenty-one he commenced to work out at twenty-five cents a day. He subsequently obtained possession of a piece of land, comprising sixty-five acres, lying partly in this county and partly in Fayette County, and after his marriage he took up his residence thereon. A few years later, he sold it, and after renting land for a year in Fayette County, bought his present farm in Monroe Township in 1856. This consists of four hundred and seventeen acres of fine farming land, nearly all under cultivation and in a high state of improvement. The buildings are of a good class, a large frame residence, built in 1878, and a barn, put up in 1868, adorning the place, beside other necessary outbuildings. Mr. Baker devotes his farm to mixed farming, raising grain and stock. He raises and fattens many cattle each year, but he has made much of

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his money by raising hogs. He has nearly abandoned that of late years, however, on account of the cholera. He derives a part of his income from loaning money, and is one of our most extensive capitalists. He rightly attributes his success to close attention to business and to judicious management of his affairs. He has been School Director, but he never aspires to office, preferring the pleasures and comforts of his own cheerful fireside to the cares and vexations incidental to public life. He is a Democrat in his political views, and stands firmly by his party.

Mr. Baker was wedded in 1853 to Miss Elizabeth A. Fisher, who was born in Fayette County September 15, 1835. She is a woman of great worth, and for over twenty-five years she has been a conscientious and upright member of the Methodist Church. Her marriage with our subject has been a true union and has been fruitful of eight children, of whom these five are living: Oren, Rosette A. (Mrs. McCafferty), John W., Lawson S. and Edward. The names of those deceased are Austin J., Charles G. and Alva.

WILLIAM M. HOTT. No theme is more agreeable to the biographer than that of pioneer times, and the life story of one who passed through that trying period and made his way to comfort and prosperity through hardships and privations is of great interest to every reader. Of especial interest, therefore, to the intelligent reader, is this sketch of Mr. Hott, whose portrait appears on the opposite page.

A pioneer of Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Mr. Hott was also one of its most esteemed and respected citizens. He was born in this township, and in such men we find true loyalty to the interests of their part of the State. They understand, as it were by instinct, the needs, social and industrial, of their vicinity, and have a thorough knowledge of its resources. They are therefore better adapted to succeed here than a stranger could be and are probably without exception warmly devoted to the prosperity of their native place, at least such was the case of the subject of this sketch. His birth occurred on the 3d of August, 1829, and he was a son of Jacob and Catherine (Coon) Hott, natives of Virginia and early pioneers of Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio.

The subject of this sketch was early inured to the hardships of pioneer life and was educated in the primitive log schoolhouse of those early days. Although his advantages for receiving an education were limited, he was a great reader, and by his own observations became well posted and unusually intelligent. When twenty years of age, he started out to fight life's battles for himself, and when his father moved to Circleville, Ohio, and there died, our subject began working as a farm hand. This he continued during the summer months for several years, receiving as compensation $12 per month with board. During the winter season he received fifty cents per day for chopping, making rails, and clearing. He was hardworking and a man of indomitable will, the same being evinced in his youth by his determination to succeed at whatever he undertook.

On the 25th of February, 1854, Mr. Hott was married to Miss Sarah E. Ward, a native of Walnut Township, Pickaway County, born January 3, 1834, and the daughter of Richard C. and Matilda Ward. Mrs. Hott is a sister of Sidney J. Ward, of Pickaway County, in whose sketch further mention is made of the Ward family. After marriage, Mr. Hott and wife located on the farm now owned by A. C. Nothstine, in Walnut Township, this county, and seven years afterward they removed thence to Circleville, Ohio. Less than three years later, they came to Harrison Township, Pickaway County, and here Mr. Hott died on the 21st of September, 1890.

In every private relation Mr. Hott was known as a true friend and affectionate father and husband; he generously responded to every enterprise worthy of note, and has left behind as a heritage a spotless name and fame for those who came after him. In religious work he was active and especially interested in the Sunday-school. He had frequently been solicited to fill local offices in his township, but refused all, preferring to attend to his farming in-

terests. He was a self-made man in every sense of that term, for he started with nothing, and what he accumulated was the result of thrift and energy on the part of himself and wife. In those early days they had nothing to rely upon except their own willing hands and sturdy independence. In politics, he was a Republican. During the late war, he enlisted for one hundred days as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry.

Mrs. Hott was a true helper, not only to her husband, but to all who come within her influence, and is a faithful member of the United Brethren Church. She is a lady of refinement and excellent business capacity, and superintends her farm of ninety acres so as to secure the best possible results. The confidence in which Mr. Hott was held is proved by the fact that he was administrator for various estates and also acted as guardian frequently. The confidence thus reposed in him was never abused, for he was ever considerate and thoughtful in his relations with others.

EMANUEL WESTENHAVER is a representative of the old pioneer stock of Pickaway County, and for many years he has held an important position among its farmers as the proprietor of one of the large and well-ordered farms of Walnut Township, located on section 12. Our subject was born in Circleville, in one of its early pioneer homes, September 16, 1824. His parents were Jacob and Rebecca (Miller) Westenhaver, who were natives of Virginia and both of German extraction. In the early years of the settlement of Pickaway County, they came hither, at the same time that the Hedges family came, and located at Circleville, which was then in its infancy and had but few inhabitants, and there Mr. Westenhaver engaged at his trade as a cabinet-maker. His wife's father had settled in the woods in the northern portion of Walnut Township, and here came Mr. Westenhaver with his family in 1832, and also took up his abode in the forests, where he died in the year 1846, a most worthy man and an honored pioneer. His wife died in Fairfield County at a ripe age. They were the parents of eight children, of whom our subject and his sister Frances, wife of Absalom Ashbrook, of Kansas, are the sole survivors. The names of the deceased are Nancy, Peter, Elizabeth, Susan, Joseph and Sophronia, respectively.

The subject of this life record was a boy of eight years when his parents came to Walnut Township to live. He grew up to a vigorous manhood, experiencing all the vicissitudes, trials and privations of pioneer life, as well as its compensations, and he early became inured to the hard labor necessitated by their environments. When a boy, he attended school in a log cabin that was rudely furnished with slab seats, and the only desks were boards resting on pegs driven into the walls. He has always followed agricultural pursuits and has a farm of four hundred acres that compares favorably with the best in Walnut Township in regard to tillage, drainage and substantial improvements. He is an example of our self-made men, persistent industry, forethought and sensible methods of carrying on his work contributing to his prosperity and giving him high financial standing in the community where he has dwelt as boy and man for sixty years, and he is known by all the people, who hold him in the utmost respect. In his social relations, he is a member of the Masonic order.

Mr. Westenhaver has been twice married. His first marriage, which took place in 1845, was with Miss Caroline Doan, who bore him a number of children, of whom three survive: Frances, wife of Simon Miller; Lorette, wife of John Clements, and Addie, wife of Josephus Oman. Our subject's second marriage with Miss Sarah Courtright has brought him two children, Jesse and Annie. His present wife is a sister of John and Judge Samuel Courtright, of whom biographies appear in this volume.

GEORGE S. REICHELDERFER. The village of Tarlton contains a large number of attractive residences, and among them there is, perhaps, none more elegant or perfect in every detail than the home of Mr. Reichelderfer, which

is a frame building, modern in its style of architecture and neat in its interior furnishings. Besides this residence, he owns two hundred and thirty acres of well-improved land in Salt Creek Township, and is numbered among the prosperous citizens of Pickaway County.

The father of our subject, Venus Reichelderfer, was born in Berks County, Pa., in 1823, and accompanied his parents, Jacob and Rebecca Reichelderfer, to Ohio when he was quite small, settling with them in Salt Creek Township, the grandfather residing here until his death, June 25, 1875, at the age of eighty-two years. Venus R. here grew up, and engaged in farming, which occupation he followed until his decease, September 19, 1856. He was the father of two children, our subject and Sarah Jane, who married Stephen D. Crites, and died July 19, 1873.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, John Mowry, emigrated from Berks County, Pa., where he was born August 1, 1805, to Ohio, when he was a lad of five years, and made his home in Pickaway County until his death. His daughter, Leannah, first became the wife of Venus Reichelderfer, and after his decease was united to Elias Crites, her home being at present in the Buckeye State. The birthplace of our subject was in Salt Creek Township, and the date thereof April 18, 1850. He was the recipient of splendid educational advantages, of which he availed himself to the utmost, and, after completing his common-school studies, entered Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, in 1868, remaining there for two years, diligently engaged in the acquirement of knowledge. He completed his commercial course in Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., after which he embarked in business.

The first occupation of Mr. Reichelderfer was as an employe in a railroad office at Stoutsville for a short time, and afterwards he was with the Eureka Planing Mill Company, at Laurelville, in the capacity of book-keeper for a while. Subsequently, he located at Tarlton, and has since followed the profession of a teacher, having taught fifteen terms of school during the winter seasons, and in the summer engaging in various occupations. He has an enviable reputation as a thorough instructor and efficient disciplinarian, who gains the affection and confidence of his pupils to an unusual extent, and secures their advancement in their studies through creating a love for knowledge and an enjoyment of mental research.

In 1873, the marriage of Mr. Reichelderfer to Miss Lucy A. Housel, of Pickaway County, took place at the residence of the bride's parents, John A. and Catherine (Alexander) Housel. The parents of Mrs. Reichelderfer were born in Northumberland and Columbia Counties, Pa., respectively, whence they moved to Ohio at an early day and were married in Pickaway County. During the past forty years he has been engaged in the grocery business, and is a reliable dealer, an enterprising citizen, and an upright man. His wife belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he aids with liberal contributions the various benevolent and religious enterprises, in which he is greatly interested.

In her childhood, Mrs. Reichelderfer received a thorough education in the schools at Tarlton and the Normal at Lancaster, and was a teacher in Fairfield County for nine years. She is the mother of one child, John Jacob, born January 24, 1874, and an intelligent young man, to whose education his parents have devoted constant attention. Mrs. Reichelderfer clings to the faith of her parents, and is a devoted member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, while the belief of Mr. Reichelderfer is that of the Lutheran Church, with which he is identified. In politics, he is a stanch Democrat, and is well informed on all the prominent issues of the day which engage the attention of thoughtful men.

HON. MILLS GARDNER. The official work of this gentleman has extended over many years and has brought him prominently before the gaze of the public, and in him his constituents have found a man of ability and integrity and one whose activities have ever been employed for the good of the community. He now makes his home in Washington C. H., with whose interests he has been connected since 1854.

The original of this sketch was born in Russellville, Brown County, Ohio, January 30, 1830, thus being one day older than James G. Blaine. His parents, Seth and Elma S. (Barrere) Gardner, were natives respectively of New York and Ohio. The father followed the combined occupations of merchant, hotel-keeper and farmer, and, emigrating to Brown County in an early day, departed this life in 1871, aged eighty-one years.

Mills Gardner received a good practical education in the common schools of Highland County, after which he engaged as clerk for an uncle for nine years at New Market. During that time, he read law with his uncle, Nelson Barrere, of Hillsboro, and in 1855 was admitted to the Bar. Our subject has built up a very flattering reputation, and from 1856 to 1860 was Prosecuting Attorney. In 1861, he was elected State Senator, during which time he served on many important committees in the Senate. He was later a member of the House of Representatives of the Ohio Legislature, during the years 1866 and 1867, and served as Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1872 and 1873. He was also a member of the Forty-fifth Congress, his term beginning on the 4th of March, 1877, the day on which President Hayes was inaugurated. Previous to the formation of the Republican party, the Hon. Mr. Gardner voted the Whig ticket. In connection with his duties as a lawyer, our subject is a member of the Ludlow Soap Company and the Washington Stamping Company.

October 9, 1851, Miss Margaret A., daughter of John Morrow, was united in marriage with our subject. They have become the parents of two daughters, Gertrude and Edith, both of whom are at home. Mr. Gardner, with his family, is an influential member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which denomination he has been connected for over forty years, during that time serving as Superintendent of the Sunday-school and as a member of the Board of Trustees. In social matters, he is connected with Fayette Lodge, Fayette Chapter, Fayette Council and Garfield Commandery of the Free and Accepted Masons.

The mother of our subject was known in her maidenhood as Miss Elma Sands Barrere. She was the daughter of George W. and Abbie (Mills) Barrere and was born in New Market, Highland County, Ohio, July 4, 1806. She was married to Seth Gardner in 1827 and became the mother of three sons, viz.: George B., our subject and Thomas F.

Grandfather George W. Barrere was born at Wheeling, W. Va., March 17, 1770, and on emigrating to Kentucky was there married. In 1803, he removed to Highland County, this State, and reared a large family of five sons and three daughters, whose average life was seventy-eight and one-half years. The mother of our subject departed this life July 13, 1891, in this city, and was the last of this remarkably long-lived family to pass to the land beyond. She was a very strong-minded woman, having not only convictions as to right and wrong; good and evil, the true and the false, but had also the courage of her convictions. She kept herself well informed upon subjects of general interest and always manifested a lively and loving interest in the welfare of young people, who in turn loved, confided in and were devoted to her, finding in her society a delight and joy that grew as their knowledge of her character increased.

JOHN SOLLARS. This venerable and honored gentleman is one of the oldest citizens living within the borders of Fayette County, the most of whose growth he has witnessed, as he is a son of one of its early pioneer families, and for sixty years he has been a landholder here, owning and occupying a farm of one hundred acres in Wayne Township, that he reclaimed from the forest wilds.

Our subject was born in St. Clair, Allegheny County, Pa., in 1806. His parents were Samuel and Elizabeth Sollars. Samuel Sollars was born in the same place as his son, January 12, 1784, in the home of Isaac and Elizabeth (Blackmore) Sollars, who were natives respectively of England and

Maryland. The latter was a daughter of Samuel Blackmore, who was of English birth. Isaac Sollars was of Revolutionary fame, and was located at Ft. McIntosh during the struggle of the Americans for freedom from the mother country. Some time after marriage, he removed to Kentucky, in the latter part of the seventeenth century, and settled in the forests of that State, and he was there killed by the Indians in 1792.

Samuel Sollars was very young when the family went to Kentucky, and was but eight years of age when his father was killed. He continued to live with his mother and relatives in the Kentucky home until he grew to manhood. His education was quite limited, owing to the absence of schools in that part of the country. He was married to Elizabeth Train, September 20, 1803, in Pennsylvania, whither he had returned. She was a daughter of John and Joan (Weiley) Train, who were natives respectively of Scotland and Pennsylvania. John Train came to America after he had attained manhood, and married in Pennsylvania. In 1808, Samuel Sollars brought his family to this part of Ohio, which has since become known as Fayette County, and established a home in the woods within two miles of where his son, of whom we write, now lives. He purchased two hundred acres of land, to which he afterwards added two hundred and fifty acres, and in due time had hewed out a goodly farm. His first house was like all early dwellings of that day, constructed of logs, but was warm and comfortable. He was one of the first to settle in this region, and had no neighbors except the Indians, who were numerous. Wild game was plentiful in the forests, and as he was a good marksman, he had no difficulty in providing plenty of venison and turkey for the table. He and his wife reared eight children, named as follows: John, Isaac (deceased), Hiram (deceased), Allen (deceased), Samuel, Jacob (deceased), Matilda, widow of Hamilton Rogers, and Mary (deceased). The father served in the War of 1812 two months. He was a Democrat in early life, but later joined the Whigs, and was a conspicuous figure in public life, having been Commissioner of Fayette County nine years, and at different times held most of the township offices.

Our subject labored hard to acquire an education, spending his school days in the old log schoolhouse of pioneer times, that was furnished with split log seats, and lighted by greased paper instead of glass. He has always been fond of books, and has supplemented his early education by a wide range of reading, including much that bears on the topics of the day, and he is especially fond of history, in which he is well posted. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-three years of age, and then went into the timber to cut cord-wood. At the age of twenty-six, he took unto himself a wife in the person of Nancy, daughter of John and Nancy (McCulloch) McWilliams, who were natives respectively of Scotland and Pennsylvania, and early pioneers of Belmont County when Ohio was a Territory. John McWilliams was a man of solid attainments, and a school teacher by profession. He arose to prominence in his county, which he represented in the Territorial Legislature of Ohio. He served his county as Auditor a number of years and in 1796 was engaged by the Government as a civil engineer to survey land near Cincinnati.

Our subject bought one hundred acres of his present farm in Wayne Township in 1832, and has since made it his home. He now owns nine hundred and fifty acres of land in this county and in Illinois, and his means are ample to enable him and his wife to enjoy a serene old age in quietness and comfort. He was formerly active in local public life, and has held most of the township offices, in which he used his influence to forward every useful measure planned for the benefit of the community. Politically, he is a Republican of long standing.

Mr. and Mrs. Sollars have had eight children: John, Jr.; Samuel and Franklin, deceased, the latter having been a member of Company E, One Hundred and Twenty-second Ohio Infantry; William, who married for his first wife Anna Crosby, and for his second Neoma Culy; Lucy and Anna, deceased; Nancy, wife of Samuel Hoppes; and Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of George Blackman. Samuel Sollars gave up his life for his country during the late war. He first enlisted in Company E, Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry, and subsequently

re-enlisted in the one hundred days' service, was wounded in Kentucky by Morgan's men, and died in the hospital at Covington, that State. Our subject and his wife have sixteen grandchildren to gladden their hearts.

THOMAS BALES has been a resident of Madison County for over half a century and was formerly one of its most extensive farmers and stockmen, owning a large landed estate. He acquired a fortune by his ably conducted operations, and is now living in pleasant retirement in the attractive village of London. He is a native of the old Commonwealth of Virginia, born in Frederick County, August 9, 1817.

The parents of our subject were Moses and Mary (Fish) Bales, who were also Virginians by birth. The Bales originated in Wales, and were among the Colonial settlers of Virginia, where David Bales, the grandfather of our subject, was born some time during the last century. He was one of the prominent farmers of Frederick County, and was a gallant soldier of the Revolution. In the great struggle for freedom from the mother country, he was shot in the leg, and died from the effects of the wound a few years later, thus giving up his life for his country as though he had perished on the battle-field. He was a Christian gentleman, and was greatly respected by all who knew him. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Robert and Mary Fish, the former a native of this country, the latter of foreign birth. Mr. Fish was a farmer in Virginia until he came to Ohio, and passed his remaining years at his occupation in Richland County. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church, and were devoted to its interests. They reared a family of twelve children.

The father of our subject came to Ohio in 1833, and, settling among the pioneers of Clarke County, purchased a farm there, and engaged in agricultural pursuits until death rounded out his life at a ripe age. In him the Republican party found an earnest advocate from the first, and the Methodist Church was strengthened by his membership. He was the father of twelve children, having been three times married. His first wife, the mother of our subject, was a noble woman of many Christian virtues, and a member of the Methodist Church. She was the mother of four children, of whom but two are living: our subject and his sister Betsy, Mrs. Potee.

The subject of this biographical review passed his early years on a farm, at first in his native State and afterward in Clarke County, where his education was completed. He remained at home with his father until he attained his majority, and then started out into the world to see what life held for him elsewhere. In 1845, he came to Madison County, purchased two hundred and fifty acres of land in Summerford Township, and made that his home for thirty-eight years. Going to Deer Creek Township from there, he took up his residence on one of his farms, that contained five hundred acres of fine farming land, and he was extensively engaged in raising high-bred horses and cattle for some time. He had in his possession fifteen hundred acres of realty, all in this county, except three hundred acres. May 5, 1887, he came to the village of London, and purchased a residence on Fourth Street, where he now lives. In the accumulation of his property he has materially increased the wealth of the county, and he has always sought to use his means for the promotion of those enterprises best calculated to develop its resources and improve its condition. He is a man of well-balanced intellect, of sound and sensible views upon all subjects with which he is conversant, and his political preferences lie with the Republican party, to which he is devotedly attached. The Methodist Episcopal Church has in him a liberal and exemplary member, and he has held the office of Steward in the same.

Fortune has also favored our subject in his domestic life, as by his marriage in 1845 with Miss Emeline Rigdon, he secured a companion who fills in a perfect measure her position as wife, mother and friend, and conducts the affairs of her household so as to contribute to the comfort and happiness of all who come under her influence. She is the mother of three children: Talipha, Mrs. Dr.

Beach, who has four children: Roy, Carrie, Ada and Downing; Mrs. Alta Gray; and Mrs. Carrie Fitchgiven, who has three children: Clarence, Laura and Harry. Mrs. Bales is a native of Madison County, born January 22, 1828, a daughter of Charles and Lydia (Mitchell) Rigdon, who were natives respectively of Kentucky and Pennsylvania. Her maternal grandfather, who was a native of Massachusetts and a farmer, served throughout the Revolution. Mr. Rigdon was a farmer. He first settled in Champaign County after he came to Ohio, but he afterward came to Madison County, and was one of its most prosperous pioneer farmers, farming over four hundred acres of land. He died in Indianapolis, Ind. He and his wife were prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was Trustee. He was also Township Trustee at one time. His father was Dr. Lamb Rigdon, a native of Germany, and a physician and surgeon of some note in his day. Mrs. Bales is one of nine children, of whom three are living besides herself: Mrs. Julia Bales, Mrs. Jennie Burt, and Mrs. Maggie Davidson.

BAYARD T. KELLER, of Bloomingburgh, stands among the first of his profession in Fayette County as an able and learned physician, and is an important figure in its political and social life. He was born in the town of Cumberland, Allegany County, Md., February 22, 1850. His father, D. T. Keller, was a native of Virginia, and soon after the birth of the son of whom we write, he returned to that State, and became one of the leading business men of Romney, Hampshire County, now a part of West Virginia, where he had a large foundry and machine shop. He married Mary J. Thistle, a native of Maryland, and a granddaughter of J. H. Bayard, an uncle of ex-Secretary of State Bayard, who was a member of Cleveland's cabinet.

Our subject is the eldest child in a family of four daughters and two sons, of whom five grew to maturity. He was a small child when his parents took up their residence in Romney, and he passed his boyhood amid its pleasant scenes until he was eighteen years old, receiving his first schooling at Romney, and completing his literary education at Alleghany Academy in his native town. At the age of nineteen, he entered the University of Maryland for the purpose of studying medicine, and was graduated from that institution in March, 1871, at the age of twenty-one, the youngest member of his class, in which he had attained high rank for excellence of scholarship.

Leaving the University with a fine equipment for the successful practice of medicine, and with every promise of a bright future in his chosen calling, our subject entered upon his professional career at Grantsville, Garrett County, Md., and was in active practice at that point some ten years. His next move was to Oakland, the county seat of that county, where he remained six years. In 1887, he came to Ohio, and has since made his home at Bloomingburgh. He has proved a valuable acquisition to its citizenship, thoroughly identifying himself with its best interests, and actively co-operating with his fellow-townsmen in all feasible schemes for its advancement. He is popular as a physician, has a fine practice, and, though he has lived here but a few years, his talents have won him due recognition from his medical brethren, who have elected him Vice-president of the Fayette County Medical Association, and he is also a member in high standing of the Ohio State Medical Association. His further social relations are with the American Legion of Honor. He has been appointed medical attendant for the Baltimore & Ohio Railway from Washington C. H. to Mt. Sterling. Ever since he was old enough to vote, the Doctor has been a power in politics wherever he has lived, and is influential in the councils of the Democratic party. He was Chairman of the Democratic Committee of Garrett County during his residence in Maryland, and since coming here he has been a member of the Fayette County Democratic Committee. He is distinguished as being the first of his party ever elected to any office in the village of Bloomingburgh as a member of its Council.

The marriage of Dr. Keller with Miss Lizzie

Casteel, a native of Grantsville, Md., took place in that town, October 10, 1875. Mrs. Keller was born in June, 1854, and is a daughter of William Casteel, Commissioner of Garrett County, and one of the leading citizens. A felicitous union has brought to our subject and his wife eight children, as follows; Mary A., Alice M., Daniel C., Charles B. (deceased), Charles H., Bayard C., Nellie C. and William (deceased).

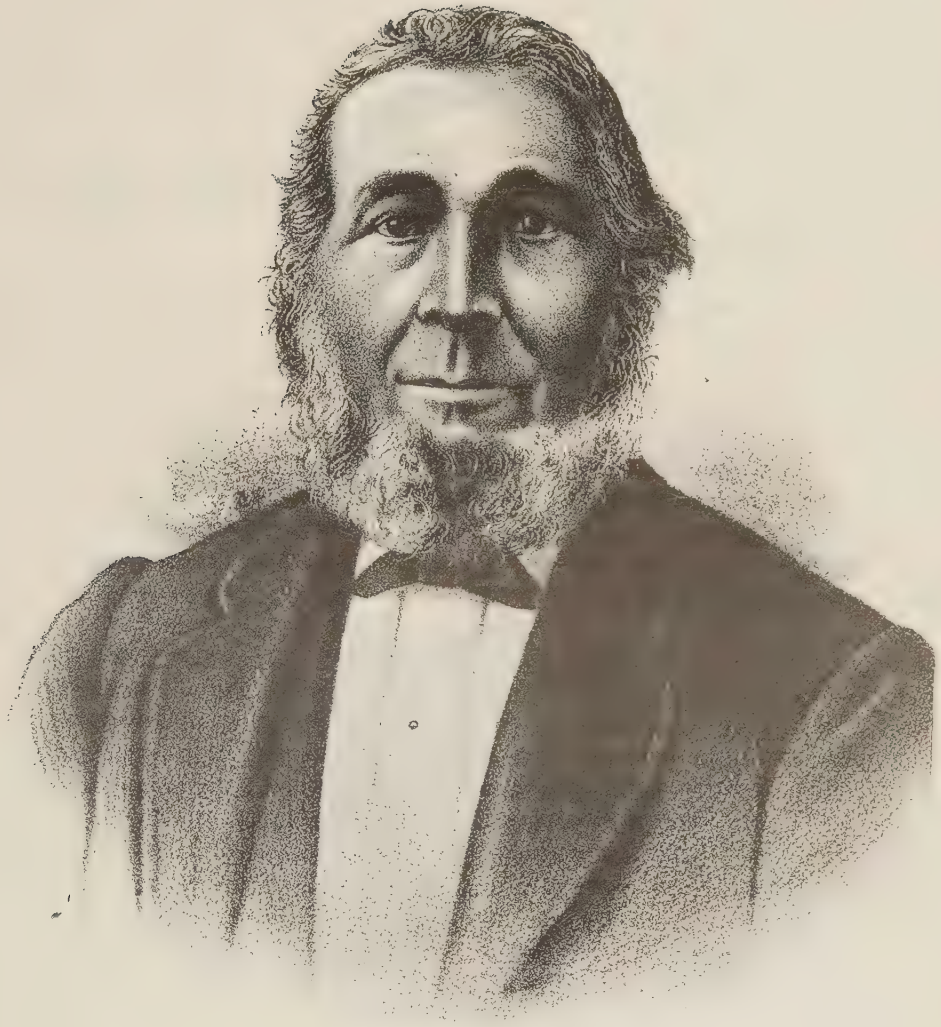
WILLIAM DAVIS. This wealthy and prominent gentleman is a resident of Monroe Township, Pickaway County, where he is the possessor of a fine farm. He is a native-born citizen of this place, having been born November 14, 1836. He is a son of John Davis, who was born on the George Woods Farm, in Deer Creek Township, this county, August 22, 1807. The grandfather bore the name of Benjamin and was a native of Virginia. He came by team to this State, over the mountains, about the year 1800, and settled in Deer Creek Township, and some time later located on Darby Creek, in Muhlenberg Township; after a residence here of some time, he removed to White County, Ind., where he spent his last days, dying when past his ninetieth year.

The father of our subject was reared on the home farm, receiving but little education in the common schools, but being a man of strong natural ability, he became quite wealthy, and is still living, making his home in Palestine, this county. He is the owner of five hundred acres of fine land, all in one body, and has given about $25,000 to his children, besides. Stock-raising and farming have been his life vocations, which he has carried on on an extensive scale. He married Elizabeth Crabb, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1810, and bore her husband sixteen children, ten of whom grew to mature years: Martha (deceased), William, Joseph, Isaac (deceased), David, Thomas, Fletcher (deceased), Mary A., Amanda, and Millard. The mother of this family died in 1882, when seventy-two years old. The father was a Republican in his political affiliations.

Our subject was reared on the farm and educated in the common district schools, which were in the primitive log schoolhouse, with its large open fireplace and slab benches, and which were conducted on the rate-bill system. He began for himself in life when twenty-one years old, in which year he was married, and rented his father's farm for seven years, when he bought it. The date of his marriage was November 22, 1857, the lady of his choice Rebecca A. McGuire. Ten children were born of this marriage, five growing to maturity, namely: Emma, Milton, Marion, John and Edward. The good wife and mother died April 28, 1881, and Mr. Davis was again married, January 19, 1886, this time to Rosanna Taylor, a native of Pike County, this State, where she was born, March 10, 1852.

The fine estate of him of whom we write consists of eight hundred and sixty acres, five hundred and eighty acres in this township and the balance located in Darby and Muhlenberg Townships. This is all splendidly improved, there not being one acre of waste land. On this he is extensively engaged in stock-raising and agriculture and is more than ordinarily successful in his pursuits. He has heretofore rented some of his land but will hereafter attend to all of it himself. Horses seem to be his favorite stock and he now has some fifty head of draft horses and roadsters, besides a number of hogs and cattle which he fattens for the market. The crop of wheat raised the past year on this place was four thousand bushels, for which he got $1 per bushel from the machine, and one hundred and forty acres of corn was raised, beside what was rented out.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis are consistent members of the Christian Church and take an active interest in the same, Mr. Davis giving over $400 toward erecting the new church building. In his political views, he is a stanch Republican and has served his fellow-citizens as Treasurer of his township for two years and has held many offices of smaller note. He has taken an active part in the public schools and was one of the Building Committee on the new brick house here, and has been one of the Directors nearly ever since he came to this place. Starting out in life with no capital whatever but a



Peter Hoffman

Mrs Peter Hoffman

strong hand and a willing heart, Mr. Davis has, by his push, pluck and perseverance, made a success of life. In his first home, he drove pins in the wall and laid boards on them for a cupboard and this was the best one they could contrive. Mr. Davis has an interest in the elevator at Palestine, which is run under the firm name of C. Tanner & Co., buying and shipping large quantities of grain.

PETER HOFFMAN. No member of the farming community of Pickaway County is more worthy of representation in this biographical work than this venerable and venerated gentleman, who is not only a son of one of the earliest pioneers of the county, but is himself entitled to be considered a pioneer on account of what he has done to promote the progress of agriculture in this favored section of the State, of which he is a native, and in whose public as well as industrial life he has borne an active part.

Mr. Hoffman was born in Washington Township, May 2, 1809, and is a son of George Hoffman, who was a native of Berks County, Pa. He came to Ohio in a wagon with his wife in 1806, and took up a tract of land in Washington Township, being among the first to locate here. The country was a wilderness, with but few attempts at cultivation, and deer were so plentiful that they had to be chased from the wheat fields, where they often did much damage. Indians often used to pass through the country, and still had their hunting-grounds in this vicinity. Mr. Hoffman built a log cabin, and every year cleared away some of the timber standing on his land, which in time he improved into a highly productive farm. During the War of 1812, he served as a soldier forty days. He was an earnest Christian, and a strict member of the Lutheran Church. This good old pioneer passed to his reward in 1862, at the end of a life long and well spent.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Jacob Hoffman, came from his native Germany to this country when fifteen years old. He settled in Berks County, Pa., and in time became a prosperous farmer there. In 1806, he emigrated to Fairfield County, this State, where he died an old man. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Mary Harpster, was born in Pennsylvania, and died in this State, in 1870.

Mr. Hoffman is the eldest son and second child in a family of eleven children, of whom nine grew to maturity, and five of them are still living. His educational advantages were exceedingly limited, as there was no school for some time after he was old enough to go to one, and when a subscription school was finally established in an old log house he had to walk three miles to get to it. The building was rudely constructed, with a puncheon floor, slab seats for furniture, and greased paper instead of glass in the windows. Our subject was born in a log cabin, and underwent all the experiences of frontier life. The farmers mostly used oxen instead of horses in their work, and had the most primitive tools with which to carry on their farming.

Mr. Hoffman remained at home with his parents until 1836, when he started out as a farmer on his own account, having previously become thoroughly familiarized with every department of agriculture. On the 18th of March of that year, he purchased eighty acres of land, and diligently worked to develop it into a farm. In 1856, he bought the farm in his native township upon which he has ever since lived, and he has greatly increased its worth by the many valuable improvements that he has made. He has here one hundred and seventy acres of land on section 21, which is finely cultivated, and well adapted to general farming. The buildings that adorn it are of a good class, substantially built and well arranged, and everything about the place is neat and orderly. Mr. Hoffman began with but little means, but he has done so well that he is one of the moneyed men of his native county, and when his children began life for themselves he generously gave them each $1,000.

June 20, 1836, Mr. Hoffman was married to Elizabeth Leist, who was born in Washington Township, May 2, 1815. She died in 1877, leaving behind her the blessed memory of a good and true-hearted woman, who had nobly fulfilled the duties of life, and was warmly loved by all who

came under her influence. She was a daughter of David Leist, a native of Berks County, Pa., who came to Ohio in 1806, and was a pioneer of this township. The following are the children that were born of her happy marriage with our subject: Jacob, who is married, and lives in this township; Catherine, the wife of Abraham Adams, a farmer in Fairfield County; George, deceased; David, who is married, and lives in this township; Noah, who is married, and lives in Madison County; Amanda, wife of Manoah Shoemaker, a farmer in Henry County, Ohio; Isaiah, who married Emma Stout, and lives on the old homestead, and Peter, who is married, and lives in this township.

In his political views, Mr. Hoffman is a tried and true Democrat, voting first for Gen. Jackson, and he has only missed one Presidential election since that of 1840. He has been much sought after to help administer local affairs, his fellow-citizens having a full appreciation of his fitness for responsible positions. He held the office of Trustee of his township fifteen years, was Director twenty years, and Supervisor a like length of time. He has also been conspicuous in promoting the religious interests of the community as one of the foremost members of the Lutheran Church, which he joined when about eighteen years old, and to which his good wife also belonged, and he has filled the various official positions of the church, among them those of Deacon and Elder.

The portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are presented in connection with this biographical sketch.

PROF. MARTIN L. SMITH. Among the prominent and successful educators of Pickaway County, selected for representation in this biographical work, we take pleasure in introducing to our readers Prof. Martin L. Smith, the well-known and popular Superintendent of the High and Public Schools of Ashville, with which he has been identified since the fall of 1882.

The Professor is a native of this county, his birthplace in Madison Township; and he was born March 26, 1854. He is descended from the early pioneer stock of this part of the State, his grandparents being among the first to settle in Madison Township, where his parents, Reuben and Eliza Smith, were also born. Our subject's father was a prosperous farmer and the son passed his boyhood days on a farm. He early displayed an aptitude for learning, and was given every advantage to obtain a liberal education, laying a solid foundation for it in the district school. At the age of sixteen, he began attending schools of a higher grade at Lithopolis, where he passed his school days for several terms, and he also had the benefit of several sessions at different Normals. At the age of seventeen, our subject entered upon his professional career by teaching in District No. 5, Madison Township, where he taught some ten years, and he also had charge of District No. 1 one year. He was then given the position of Superintendent of the Ashville schools, in which capacity he has since officiated, giving universal satisfaction to pupils and parents. The branches taught in the High School include mathematics, book-keeping, philosophy, general history, English literature and rhetoric, and such other studies as are usually pursued in such an institution in this State, languages, however, not being included. The Professor has three lady teachers under him, who earnestly cooperate with him in his work. He has been County Examiner for some five years with his other duties, has also served as Clerk of Madison Township for a time, and under Cleveland's administration he was Postmaster at Ashville.

Professor Smith is a close student, and keeps well abreast of the times in all things pertaining to his profession, to which he is devoted heart and soul, and to his energetic labors is largely due the present high status of the Ashville schools for thoroughness and efficiency, of which qualities the citizens of the place are justly proud. The Professor has been President of the Pickaway County Teachers' Institute four years, an honor not often conferred on one teacher so long. He has also assisted in conducting Normal Schools at Ashville, and he is always found in the lead in promoting the cause of education in his native county. He is well-known as the author, in conjunction with Prof. C.

B. Shook, of a work entitled "The New Orthography," a manual containing nearly one hundred and fifty pages, designed for teachers and pupils in the schools, and which has attracted favorable notice among the educators of the country. While County Examiner, our subject took an active part in the meetings of the city and county examiners in the State. He has done much to broaden and elevate the religious and social interests of the city, and to his taste for music, and efforts in securing the organization of a band, is Ashville much indebted for its excellent cornet band, of which he is the leader. The Professor is a member of the Lutheran Church, and is active in the Sunday-school. He belongs to the Knights of Honor and the Knights of Pythias, and, politically, is a Democrat.

Prof. Smith was married April 15, 1880, to Miss Anna Fridley, daughter of the late Joshua and Julia Fridley, formerly of Madison Township. Of the four children born to our subject and his wife three survive: Anna B., Ray F. and Marie. Professor and Mrs. Smith have a charming home, and as leaders in Ashville society they have many friends, attracted to them by their pleasant ways and truly courteous and friendly manners.

ISAAC H. HAMBLETON. Among the well-regulated estates of Madison County, one in Jefferson Township, which is owned and occupied by the gentleman above named, is worthy of considerable notice. It is thoroughly tilled, supplied with a complete assortment of farm buildings and a substantial commodious residence, and here Mr. Hambleton has lived and labored since 1854, witnessing the gradual development of the country around him and doing much pioneer work with his own hands. He has been a resident of Ohio since 1840, and is one of the best and most public-spirited citizens in his township.

Stephen G. and Sarah G. (Galbreath) Hambleton, the parents of our subject, were natives respectively of Bucks County, Pa., and Columbiana County, this State. They were married in New Lisbon, Ohio, and from there removed to Erie County, N. Y., in 1835. After a residence there of five years they returned to Ohio and made their home for three years in Miami County, thence removed to Franklin County, where the father died, March 25, 1860. The mother, who reared a family of twelve children, passed away in Montgomery County, Kan.

The original of this sketch was born in New Lisbon, August 6, 1824, which place was his home until reaching his tenth year when with his parents he removed to New York and returned with them to Ohio a few years later. He made his home with his father until twenty-eight years of age, and since old enough to engage in work of any kind followed the occupation of a farmer. Mr. Hambleton and Miss Jane Reynolds were united in marriage in Georgesville, this State, May 8, 1853. The lady was the daughter of Thomas and Jane (Cunningham) Reynolds, natives of Pennsylvania, the former of whom died in Georgesville, and the latter passed away at the home of our subject in Madison County. Mrs. Hambleton, who was born in Franklinton, Franklin County, October 31, 1825, was the seventh in order of birth in a family of ten children.

After his marriage Mr. Hambleton located on the farm where he is at present residing, and which comprises eighty-seven well-tilled acres. By his union with Miss Reynolds, four children were born, namely: Ida, the wife of Dr. George H. Smeltzer, who enlisted during the late war in Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry in the one hundred days' service and while in the army was commissioned Second Lieutenant of his company. He occupied a prominent position in local affairs and has filled the office of Township Trustee, and Infirmary Director of the county. Herbert W., the second child of our subject, married Leoni Bell; Clara J. was the next in order of birth, and James C., the youngest, married Sarah Paulsen.

Mr. Hambleton always casts a straight Republican vote during elections, and is always interested in every measure which tends toward the upbuilding of his community. He was born and reared a Quaker, with which religious sect he is still in sympathy. Socially, he is a member of Wilson Bur-

rows Post, G. A. R., and by his many Christian virtues has endeared himself to his many friends and neighbors.

FRED C. FORSTER, of Washington C. H., who holds the office of Inspector of Oil for this district, is a leader among the Democrats of this part of the State, and as Chairman of the County Central Committee, he exerts a potent influence in local politics. Mr. Forster is a native of Ohio, born December 29, 1845, in the town of Middletown, Butler County, his birthplace being next door to that of ex-Gov. Campbell. His father, Adam Forster, was a hotel-keeper in that town and was well known.

Our subject was educated in the excellent public schools of his native town. He was a bright boy, apt in his studies, and at the early age of twelve years began to do business for his father, displaying, though so young, a decided talent for business matters, and he remained with him until his marriage in 1875. He then opened a book and stationery store at Washington C. H., to which place he had come in 1867, and he continued in that line until 1888, when he sold out. After coming to this city, he had been engaged in the sewing machine business with his brother. December 1, 1889, Mr. Forster was appointed by Gov. Campbell Oil Inspector of this district, which place he still holds. He is the right man for the position, as all concede without regard to party, as he thoroughly understands the requirements of his office, is prompt and scrupulous in the discharge of his duties, and is known to be a man of sound judgment and integrity.

Mr. Forster was united in marriage to Miss Fanny, daughter of Dr. P. A. Green, of Bloomingdale, Hocking County, in 1875. Mrs. Forster is a native of Hocking County, but at the time of her marriage she was living at Washington C. H. She is of an amiable, pleasant disposition, and her ready tact has been a factor in her husband's social and material success. Their home life is felicitous and their union has been blessed with three children, of whom Mabel C. is the eldest; Dane D., the next in order of birth, died at the age of five years; Freme C., the youngest, is eight years old.

Our subject is well dowered mentally, having a vigorous, thoughtful mind and those traits of character that command respect and trust, and in whatever position he has been placed he has always acquitted himself honorably. His fellow-citizens, having a due appreciation of his talent for affairs, have called him to places of trust. He has ever been an active and untiring worker in the ranks of the Democracy and has been elevated to the Chairmanship of the Democratic Central Committee. He has held the office of Township Clerk for six or seven years, having been elected on the Democratic ticket when the Republican majority in the township was over five hundred.

JOSEPH L. ROTHROCK, senior member of the firm of J. L. and J. W. Rothrock, is a prominent liveryman at Washington C. H., where for six years or more he has been engaged in business on Fayette Street, opposite the City Hall. The firm occupy a large building with a frontage of eighty feet and depth of one hundred and sixty-five feet, and keep about twenty-six head of horses in their feed and sales stable. In 1890, the firm name was changed by the admission of J. W. Rothrock into partnership, since which time they have carried on the most extensive livery business in Washington C. H.

The subject of this sketch was born in Adams County, this State, June 11, 1858, and is the son of Philip and Rebecca (Shaw) Rothrock. His father, who was a farmer and music teacher, was killed during the Civil War at Cleveland, Tenn., and the widowed mother afterward removed to Tipton, Cedar County, Iowa, where our subject gained his education. On embarking in life for himself, he first engaged in railroading, and later conducted a tannery business at Winchester, Adams County, where he superintended a tan-yard.

Mr. Rothrock first engaged in the livery business

in 1880 and continued successfully in that line of business for five years, when he sold out. Upon locating in Washington C. H. in 1885, he opened a livery, sales and feed stable, which he has since successfully managed. He is a shrewd business man, far-seeing and discriminating, and possesses the peculiar qualifications which bring success. In financial circles, he has an established reputation as a reliable man, and it is safe to predict that the future years will bring him merited honors in the business and social world.

In 1871, Mr. Rothrock was united in marriage to Miss Anna Long, who, dying, left two children: Lucy and Anna Louisa, both of whom reside with their father. Afterward, Mr. Rothrock was again married, choosing as his wife Miss Jennie Howells, a cultured lady of Xenia, this State. Mr. Rothrock has social connections with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in public affairs maintains the warm and deep interest which impels him to favor those measures calculated to advance the welfare of his fellow-citizens. Besides being one of the most enterprising business men of Washington C. H., he is one of its most public-spirited citizens and is always ready to further any truly meritorious project that will advance its prosperity. In politics, he is a thorough Republican.

ISAAC N. BEAN (deceased) was another of the representative pioneers of Pickaway County, Ohio, and in all the affairs of life he bore himself in an upright manner, and was recognized as a man of true worth. He was born in West Virginia on the 16th of December, 1816, and was a son of Isaac and Rebecca Bean. The father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was a pensioner. In 1834, he emigrated with his family to the Buckeye State, making the journey with a team, and located in Madison Township, Pickaway County. There he and his wife passed the remainder of their days.

Our subject was about eighteen years of age when he came with his parents to Ohio, and on the 4th of January, 1842, he was married to Miss Dorcas A. Lane, who was born in the Old Dominion, on the 26th of February, 1824. Her parents, Frederick and Dorcas (Mc Cord) Lane, were natives of Virginia, and in the '30s they left their native State and journeyed to Ohio, settling in Scioto Township, Pickaway County, where the mother died a short time after their arrival. Of the seven children born to her parents, Mrs. Bean is one of two now living, the other being Sarah, Mrs. Kirk.

The following children have been born to our subject and wife: Rebecca, wife of Jonathan Hay; and Crissie E., wife of Lewis Shirey. They lost four children. For a few years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bean resided in Madison Township, Pickaway County, but subsequently removed to Harrison Township, this county, where Mr. Bean died on the 15th of July, 1883. Liberal, generous, and high-minded, his life was filled with good deeds, and it can be truly said of him that he never violated a friendship, nor forgot a kind action done him. He was a model American citizen. He served as School Director for some time, and in all the affairs of life he bore himself in an upright manner, and was recognized as a man of true worth. In politics he favored the Republican party and was a stanch advocate of its principles.

On the beautiful farm of two hundred and sixteen acres, which Mr. and Mrs. Bean spent the best years of their lives in improving and perfecting, the latter is now residing, and endeavors to make her life a useful one, and to follow the teachings of the Golden Rule. She is prominently identified with the Methodist Church, and contributes liberally to all worthy enterprises. Her son-in-law, Lewis Shirey, resides in Franklin County, Hamilton Township, Ohio, and is a wide-awake, enterprising agriculturist. He was born in Augusta County, Va., October 7, 1823, and is a son of Jacob and Susanna Shirey, natives of Pennsylvania, and of Irish, German, and French descent, respectively. In 1825, his parents emigrated to Franklin County, Ohio, and resided in Columbus for a year. His father made the lock and iron-work for the Ohio Canal.

Lewis Shirey was reared in Franklin County, and was educated in the early log-cabin school-

house. When fifteen years of age, he began learning the blacksmith trade, and this has continued to be his chosen occupation more or less ever since, although he is an active and enterprising farmer. His father had been a blacksmith and mechanic before him. Lewis Shirey was first married to Miss Eliza J. Cryder, who bore him five children, two now living, Maggie, wife of Jonathan Thompson, and William.

Mr. Shirey married his present wife September 14, 1890, and they now reside in Franklin County, Ohio, where Mr. Shirey is classed among the leading and representative citizens. He owns one hundred and sixty-four acres of land, and his wife owns one hundred and eighteen acres in Pickaway and Franklin Counties. He has served as School Director, and when a resident of Groveport, where he resided for many years, he served in the Village Council. He is a Prohibitionist in politics, and is a member of the Methodist Church.

JAMES M. MORRIS. Although he has not yet completed the ascent of the sunny side of the hill of life, this gentleman has risen to a position of considerable prominence in Madison County, being the Postmaster at Lilly Chapel. He is very popular with the people, intelligent and cordial, and has an assured place in the community.

The Rev. James K. Morris, the father of our subject, was born in Fayette County, this State, near Washington C. H., in 1817, of which county his mother, who bore the maiden name of Phœbe Horny, was also a native. After their marriage, the parents continued to reside in their native place for several years, the father teaching school for fourteen years after establishing a home of his own. On removing to Vermilion County, Ill., they remained there but a twelvemonth, and then returning to Fayette County, made their home in that vicinity until 1857, when they took up their abode in this county, residing in Range Township for five years. Mr. and Mrs. Morris at the end of that time removed to Paint Township, and after a year went to Union Township, and two years later became identified with the residents of Franklin County. Remaining there three years, however, they again established a home in Fairfield Township, this county, where the father of our subject was engaged in farming for several years, and then returning to Franklin County, resided there for the three succeeding years. After this they again went to Fairfield Township, the father here departing this life in September, 1886; the mother is still surviving. Mr. Morris was a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church for some forty years, and was greatly beloved in the various charges over which he was placed.

Of the parental family of twelve children, James M., of this sketch, was the third in order of birth. He was born in Fayette County, September 14, 1847, and received a fair education in the common schools. He remained under the parental roof until reaching his twentieth year, when he started out in life on his own account, working out for two years. At the end of that time, our subject took a six-months' course in the schools at London, and then worked land on shares for two years. He later farmed on his own account in Madison County, until the spring of 1891, when he disposed of his farm land, and, removing to Lilly Chapel, engaged in the mercantile business, in which line of trade he was more than ordinarily successful.

Mr. Morris was appointed to his present position in July, 1891, and in addition to that responsible office, has served his fellow-townsmen as Township Trustee for seven years, and has done efficient service in other local positions. He is an active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, and is looked upon as one of the most public-spirited men in his community. Mr. and Mrs. Morris are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which body they are earnest workers.

March 28, 1873, Miss Margaret J., daughter of Thomas Cullumber, and our subject were united in marriage. Her father is one of the old settlers of Fairfield Township, and served during the late war as a member of Company K, First Ohio Cavalry. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Susan Lilly, was born in Virginia, and departed this life in Fairfield Township, in 1870. Mrs. Morris, who

was born in the above-named township, June 25, 1849, was the fifth in order of birth of her parents' family of eight children. By her union with our subject, she has become the mother of three children, namely: Frank O., George W., and Harley, who died when an infant. Socially, our subject is a member of Gilroy Lodge No. 695, I. O. O. F.

SAMUEL W. CISSNA, a prominent grain-dealer of Fayette County, has been a life-long resident of Washington C. H., where he was born March 8, 1839. His father, Robert Cissna, was born in Pittsburgh, April 30, 1800, and was a pioneer of Fayette County, whither he removed in his early manhood, about 1825. At Washington C. H., he engaged in the harness and saddlery business and also conducted other enterprises until in his old age, when he purchased a farm one mile from the city and there spent his last days, dying March 28, 1880. He was prominent in the public affairs of the county, and from 1840 until 1844 he served as County Sheriff. His wife, whose maiden name was Eleanor Waddle, died when our subject was small, leaving five children to mourn her loss: John, an attorney-at-law; Elizabeth Wilson and Maria Orr, who reside in Texas; Susan Glaze, who lives in Oak Grove, Ohio; and Samuel W.

At Washington C. H., our subject received his education, and later became connected with the firm of Draper & McElwain, grocers and grain-dealers, with whom he remained for six years. At the age of twenty, he embarked in business for himself, buying out the old firm and continuing in business on Court Street for five years. His next line of work was in the lumber and grain business, under the firm name of Huston & Cissna. In two years the connection was dissolved, and Mr. Cissna became a clerk for Ely & Stimson, grocers, hardware and grain merchants. Later, he was a member of the firm of Brownell Bros. & Cissna, dealers in poultry, eggs and groceries, but the junior member of the firm afterward sold out his interest and resumed his connection with Stimson Bros., grocers and hardware dealers.

In partnership with Mr. Welton, our subject purchased the retail trade of the firm and continued in the grocery business for two years. He later entered the wholesale grocery establishment of Stimson Bros. & Co., he and George Dahl and H. B. Dahl being the company. Mr. Cissna devoted himself assiduously to the welfare of the house, which he represented for a time on the road, and has the name of being a prominent factor in building the successful business which still continues under the firm name of Dahl, Baer & Co. He remained with the house from its inception until it became one of the largest wholesale groceries in Southern Ohio, but in 1885 sold out his interest, and for two years following was engaged as Superintendent of the Gas Works, being one of the Directors of the Washington Gas & Electric Light Co.

In 1887, under the title of S. W. Cissna & Co., our subject engaged in the retail grocery business on Court Street, opposite the Court House, where he remained until June, 1891. After selling out his grocery business, he gave his whole attention to grain, which he had previously handled to some extent. He has an elevator at Jasper, and handles a large amount of grain, being considered one of the most successful dealers in Fayette County.

Mr. Cissna is a Director of the People's Saving and Loan Association, which has an authorized capital of $1,000,000, and of which he has been Treasurer since its organization. The Association was incorporated with $300,000, but soon filling that series, increased the capital and is doing a successful business throughout the community. Mr. Cissna has large real-estate interests both in the city and country, and owns two fine farms in Pickaway County. For many years he has made his home in his elegant and commodious brick residence at the corner of Clinton, Leesburg and Greenfield Avenues, where he and his family are surrounded by all the comforts of existence.

January 25, 1861, Mr. Cissna was married to Miss Mary Eliza, daughter of Daniel Bush, a pioneer of Fayette County. Three children have been born of the union: Attei, who is the wife of

Parker C. Tanzey; Emma, who is now attending school in Cincinnati; and John F., who is with his parents. Mrs. Cissna is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and prominent in the good works of the church. Socially, Mr. Cissna is a member of Temple Lodge, Temple Encampment, I. O. O. F., with which he has been identified for twenty-nine years. In politics, our subject is a Democrat.

WILLIAM E. COOK, who has held the office of Justice of the Peace since 1885, by his cordial and genial manner makes friends wherever he goes. He is one of the leading and public-spirited citizens of Fayette County, and is following the life of an agriculturist, in which pursuit he has been very fortunate. He is the owner of as good a farm as can be found within the limits of Fayette Township, and the view of his place on another page is a valuable addition to this volume.

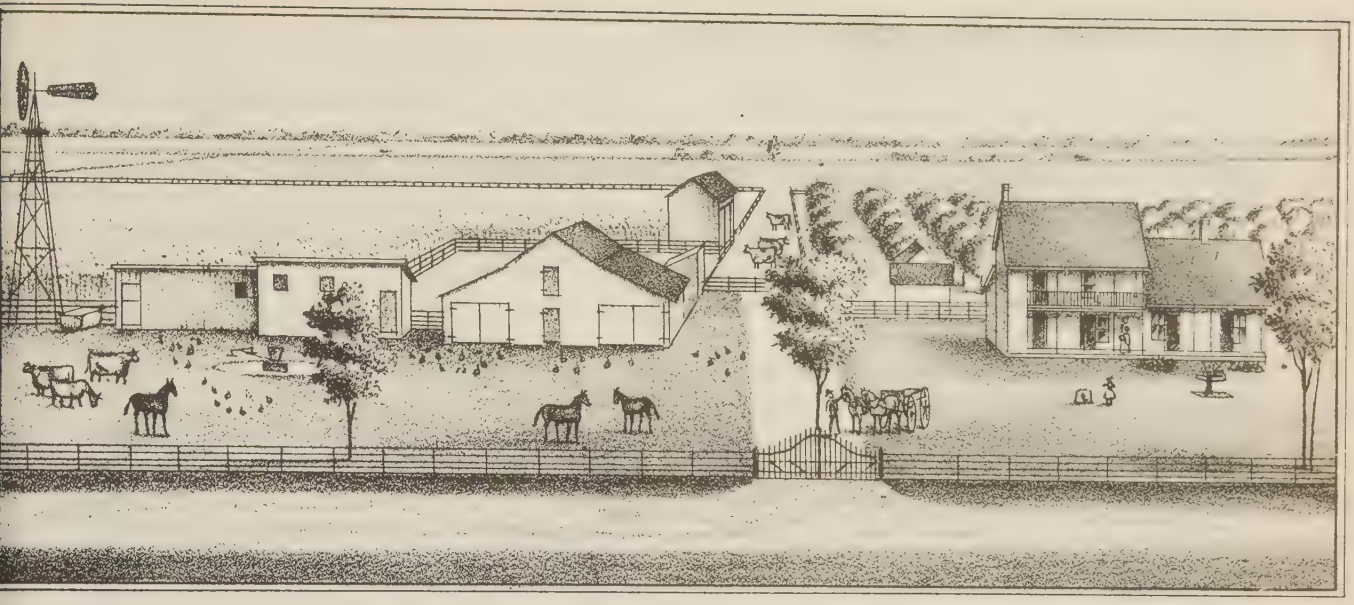
The original of this sketch was born in Western Union Township, Ross County, this State, June 4, 1856, and is the son of Mathew Scott and Eleanor (Tiffin) Cook, also natives of that county. The father, who was born April 9, 1803, became a very wealthy man, having extensive landed interests in various parts of the Buckeye State and also in Nebraska. He was one of the promoters and stockholders of the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad, now known as the Baltimore, Ohio & Southwestern. He lost considerable money in that project, which crippled him financially for a number of years.

The nine children comprised in the parental family grew to mature years, and with one exception are all living. Mary is the widow of Robert W. Manly and resides in Chillicothe; Margaret married Capt. Frank T. Gilmore, and they make their home on the old farm in Ross County; Edward is engaged in stock-raising in Elba, Neb. During the late war the latter was a member of the Eighty-ninth Ohio Infantry, and by the hardships and exposures endured his health was greatly impaired. Diathea makes her home with her mother in Chillicothe; Scott departed this life in his twenty-eighth year; Lucy, Mrs. Edward McCanless, is residing in Pittsburg, Pa.; Maria and Eleanor are twins, the former the wife of Dr. G. W. Tower, of Detroit, and the latter residing at home; William E. was the youngest of the family.

Politically, the father of our subject was an old-line Whig, and cast his first Presidential ballot for John Quincy Adams. On the organization of the Republican party, he joined its ranks, and, being a strong anti-slavery man, took part in the Morgan raid, and assisted in the defense of Chillicothe during that period. In an early day he was a surveyor, and located most of the land between Mt. Sterling and the estate of our subject. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For two years he represented Ross County in the Ohio Legislature. He departed this life November 28, 1882, at Chillicothe, and lies buried in Grand View Cemetery of that place.

William E. Cook grew to manhood on the home farm, and received an excellent education in the High School of Chillicothe and Cornell University. October 26, 1878, he was married to Annie, daughter of William E. and Annie (Christopher) Floyd, who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., October 31, 1856. After his marriage, Mr. Cook removed to Howard County, Neb., where he operated his brother's estate, but later returned to Ohio and has since resided upon his present farm. He is the proprietor of three hundred and twenty-six acres, upon which he has placed excellent improvements, among the most noticeable of which is his comfortable residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook have a family of six children, viz.: Mathew Scott, who was born July 13, 1879; William Floyd, March 27, 1881; Edward Tiffin, June 24, 1883; Annie Floyd, September 11, 1885; Martha Christopher, April 6, 1887, and Kate Floyd, September 8, 1890. In his political relations, our subject is a Republican, casting his first vote for James A. Garfield in 1880. He has served as delegate to county, State and congressional conventions, and, as before stated, has been Justice of the Peace since 1885, and exerts a wide power for good in his community. His wife is a member of the Pres-



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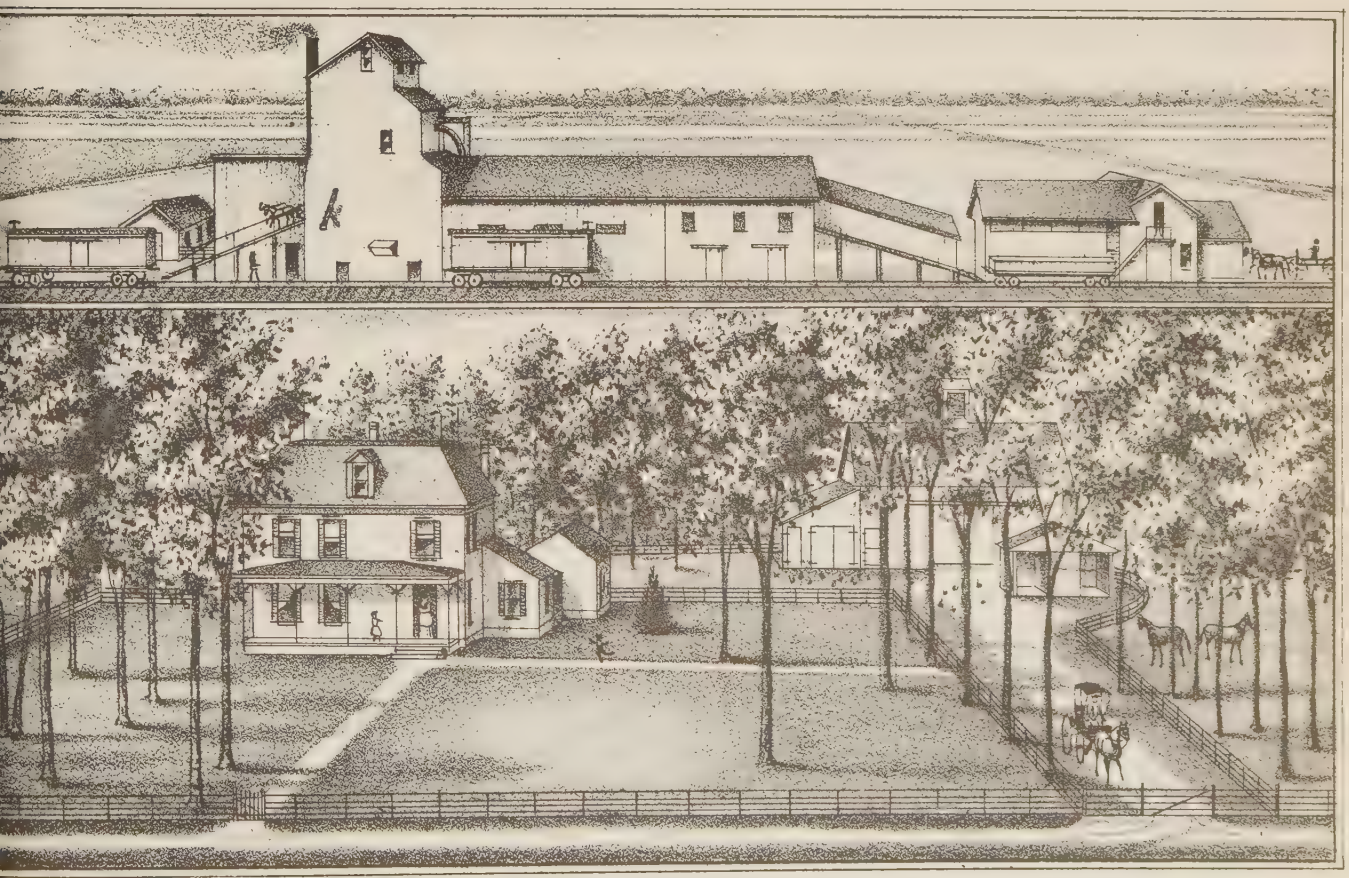


RESIDENCE & ELEVATOR OF W. E. COOK, COOK STATION, O.

byterian Church, which organization he also attends. He is a member of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America and Knights of Pythias, and by his integrity and unimpeachable character has won the full confidence of all who know him.

JOHN WARDELL. The prosperity of Pickaway County cannot be attributed entirely to the efforts of Americans, for much has been accomplished by those of foreign birth who have sought a home in the land of the free. England has contributed of its thrift; France of its economy; Germany of its vigor; Holland of its industry, and Norway and Sweden of their patient perseverance. Among the natives of England who have sought a home in this county, and have here attained independence and prosperity, may be mentioned Mr. Wardell, a prominent farmer of Wayne Township, who was born in Yorkshire, England, April 3, 1831.

The father of our subject, who bore the same name as himself, was born in Yorkshire, in 1789, and pursued the vocation of a farmer until his death in 1849. He was a member of the Church of England, and a man of stanch integrity. His wife, whose maiden name was Ann Beelby, was born in the same shire as himself, and after the decease of her husband, emigrated to America, in 1856, and remained in Pickaway County until her death, April 26, 1886, at the age of eighty-two years. John was the eldest among her children, and is the only one now living.

The educational advantages which our subject received were somewhat limited, and he did not attend school after he was thirteen years old, but he is a man of broad culture and splendid information which he has acquired through reading and travel. At the age of fifteen, he commenced to work as a farm laborer, receiving 5£ the first year, 8£ the second, and continuing to receive increasing wages until his salary was 18£ a year. Having concluded that he could better his condition in America, he left England in 1853, taking passage on a merchant ship, and landingin New York City in August, after a voyage of seven weeks.

The first work which Mr. Wardell secured in America was in a sawmill at Elmira, N. Y., where he remained until November, 1853. At that time he removed to Ohio, and from Columbus came to Circleville on a canal boat, and thence by stagecoach to his present farm, which was then owned by a cousin, Joseph Wardell. For perhaps two years, he secured employment by the day or month, and by hoarding his earnings, secured enough to embark in farming for himself. He farmed land on shares until 1881, when he purchased his present estate, and has resided here since, usually operating from one hundred and fifty to two hundred acres per year. A view of his homestead is shown on another page.

In 1853, Mr. Wardell and Miss Sarah Douglass were united in marriage in England. The young wife died the following year, and in 1857 Mr. Wardell was married to Miss Mary Clearwater, a native of New York, who died in 1881. Nine children were born of this union, namely: Peter, John, George, William, Robert, Thomas, Mary, Fannie and Cora (deceased). The lady who, on March 31, 1881, became the wife of Mr. Wardell, bore the maiden name of Lydia Clearwater; she was a sister of the former wife, and was born in Pickaway County. They are the parents of one child, Magdalene. In his political belief, Mr. Wardell is a strong Republican, and has served for three years as Trustee of Wayne Township, which is a sufficient indication of his popularity, for the township is strongly Democratic, and he was elected on the Republican ticket.

In religious views, Mr. and Mrs. Wardell are identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as Trustee and President of the Board. They are worthy people, may always be found on the right of justice, and favor all progressive measures. Mr. Wardell owns two hundred and eighty-seven acres of finely-improved land, which is devoted to general farming and stock-raising purposes. He has put in about three thousand five hundred rods of tile, and has the place perfectly drained. His success in life has resulted from his tireless industry and enter-

prise, and he is numbered among the most prosperous farmers of the county. He has given his children every educational advantage possible, and feels amply repaid for every effort he has put forth in their behalf, for they are intelligent and well-informed young people, pleasant, social companions, and possess the industry and energy which have contributed so largely to the success of Mr. Wardell.

JAMES MILLIKIN, who resides on his farm on the East Pike, in Canaan Township, six miles south of Plain City, and half-way between that and West Jefferson, is an old and honored citizen of Madison County, and has been an important figure in its public life, holding one of its most responsible offices for several years, besides assisting in the management of local affairs in various official capacities in the years gone by.

Mr. Millikin was born on Ten-Mile Creek, Washington County, Pa., December 22, 1816, and is a son of Col. James Millikin, who was once a prominent citizen of that section of the country, where his birth took place July 24, 1782. His father bore the same name as himself, and was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1752. He came to America in 1771, and cast in his fortunes with the colonists of Washington County, Pa., locating on the banks of Ten Mile Creek. He was married March 31, 1778, to Miss Dolly McFarland, and located on a farm in his native county, and there both died at a ripe old age. The great-grandfather of our subject, who also bore the given name of James, was born in 1727 in Ireland, and there died in the fullness of time. His wife, Martha Hemphill, was born in 1729, and was also a life-long resident of Ireland. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Cook, was born on the banks of Ten Mile Creek, March 4, 1777. Her father, Stephen Cook, was a native of New Jersey, and was of German descent. January 20, 1801, is the date of the marriage of the parents of our subject in their native county. They established their home on Ten Mile Creek, and nearly thirty years of their wedded life were also passed there. In 1830, they came to Ohio, and their remaining days were spent on a farm in Canaan Township, which the father developed from the wilderness ere he died in September, 1869, at a venerable age. His wife died February 26, 1853. They had six sons and three daughters, all of whom were born on Ten Mile Creek, lived to manhood and womanhood, and became residents of Madison County, the following being their names: Samuel, Martha, Daniel, John, Jacob, Elizabeth, Anna, James and Andrew. The father was a surveyor by occupation and became very familiar with the topography of this part of Ohio. He laid out the village of Amity, and also that of West Jefferson in 1831, and did surveying in every part of the county. He was a Democrat in politics, and at one time was a Trustee of the township. He and his wife were stanch members of the Presbyterian Church, and he was a strong anti-Mason man.

He of whom this sketch is written is the eighth child and fifth son of the family, and was a lad of fourteen years when he came to Madison County to live amid its primitive pioneer scenes. He had previously attended school in his native place, beginning when he was five years old, and he went to a school after he came here, the school being taught in a rude log house, roughly furnished, and lighted by greased paper windows. He staid with his father the most of the time until his marriage, late in the summer of 1840, and became well grounded in all that pertains to agriculture. He and his wife entered upon their wedded life on the farm which John Price now owns, whence they removed eight years later, in 1848, to his present farm, which he then bought. A log house was the only attempt that had been made at improvements, but in the busy years that followed his settlement upon it, Mr. Millikin has wrought a wondrous change, and now has a fine farm well fitted up with modern conveniences, and its two hundred acres under a good state of cultivation.

Mr. Millikin was married August 20, 1840, to Miss Rachel Cary, daughter of Abijah and Catherine (Johnson) Cary. She was born January 6,

1819, in Canaan Township, of which her parents were among the first settlers. Her happy marriage with our subject has brought to them three daughters and three sons, as follows: John S., who was born August 13, 1841, and is now a prosperous Kansas farmer; Abijah C., whose sketch appears on another page; Cassia, born November 8, 1846, and now the wife of D. H. Harrington, of Union County; Jane, the widow of O. E. Lamb, who was born December 3, 1848; Mary D., born August 27, 1856, who is a fine artist and a teacher in oil painting; and James, who was born August 25, 1860, was married December 31, 1890, to Miss Kittie Huddle, and resides on the home farm, which he assists his father in carrying on, they being engaged in a thriving general farming business and raising a good class of stock.

Our subject resided on his farm until 1879, and then removed to West Jefferson, where he could better attend to his duties as County Commissioner, returning to his farm in 1887. He had been elected to that important office for the first time in 1875, and so well did he look after the finances of Madison County that he was re-elected in 1878 to fill the position another term, his popularity being shown by the fact that he is an uncompromising Democrat, while his constituency in this part of the State is strongly Republican. He has been a Trustee of Canaan Township, Land Appraiser and School Director, and in various ways has proved his public spirit and the worth of his citizenship.

JOSIAH RENICK, formerly proprietor of the "Oakland Farm" in Pickaway Township and later a citizen of Circleville, was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1807, and died April 9, 1887. He was the second son in the family of George Renick, a pioneer of this locality, who is represented elsewhere in this volume in connection with the sketch of William Renick.

The boyhood years of our subject were passed upon a farm near Chillicothe, and his education was acquired in the common schools of the district. He early became interested in farming and stock-raising and soon gave evidence of being a practical, sagacious and far-sighted business man. Until he was twenty-five years of age, he remained under the parental roof, but at that time located upon his farm in Pickaway Township, and became the possessor of a fine property. He was one of the most extensive stock dealers in this locality, and in 1834, in company with his uncle Felix, went to Europe and purchased the finest Short-horn cattle they could obtain in the Old Country. These they brought to Ohio with them and were the first to introduce this famous breed of cattle in the State.

In all his business dealings, Mr. Renick was very successful and became one of the wealthy citizens of the community. His estate, known as the "Oakland Farm," was located on Kingston Pike, in Pickaway Township, and was finely improved, being in fact one of the model farms of the community. In 1856, Mr. Renick removed to Circleville and took up his residence in the home where his widow yet resides. However, he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits and purchased a farm of one thousand acres of highly-improved land in Muhlenberg Township, near Darbyville. He also continued to engage extensively in the raising of stock as well as grain, and to the close of his life maintained his activity, notwithstanding his advanced age.

Uprightness and honesty characterized the life of Mr. Renick and his word was as good as his bond. He was public-spirited and progressive, always having the interests of the community at heart. In politics, he was a stanch Republican, warmly advocating the principles of that party. In religious belief, he was a Presbyterian and took an active part in the work of the church. His death was mourned by all who knew him, for the community thereby lost a valued citizen.

The lady who in South Bloomfield, Pickaway County, in 1837, became the wife of Josiah Renick was Miss Mary Osborn and she was born in the city of Columbus, Ohio. Her father, Ralph Osborn, was a native of the Empire State and served in the War of 1812. After his marriage, he removed to Circleville, and in 1816 located in Columbus, this State. Soon afterward he became State Auditor and held that office for eighteen years, or until his

death. He was a very influential man, an attorney by profession, and prominent throughout the State. He was noted for his benevolence, and his upright life won him high regard.

Mrs. Renick continues to reside at the old home in Circleville. She holds membership with the Presbyterian Church and has many friends throughout the community, where her excellencies of character have won for her the esteem of all.

ABIJAH C. MILLIKIN owns one of the finest pieces of property in Jefferson Township, Madison County. The tract, which consists of four hundred broad acres, is pleasantly located, and the lay of the land, together with the improvements which have been made upon it, entitle it to the reputation it bears. The farm is supplied with a well-built dwelling, ample barn and other conveniences, and Mr. Millikin raises mixed crops, and the usual domestic animals. He occupies a high position in local affairs, and in the fall of 1890 was elected County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket.

James Millikin, the father of our subject, was born in Washington County, Pa., December 22, 1816, and in 1830 came to Madison County in company with his father, who also bore the name of James. He was reared to manhood in Canaan Township and in 1840 was married to Rachel Cary, a native of this county. The father of our subject was engaged in farming in that township until 1879, when he came to West Jefferson and established himself in the hardware business. He was looked upon as one of the progressive citizens of his community, and served two terms as County Commissioner.

Of the parental family of three sons and three daughters, our subject, who was born in Canaan Township, September 29, 1844, was the second in order of birth. He was reared on the home farm, and remained under the parental roof until reaching his majority. His father had an interest in a sawmill near their home, and also in various places in Canaan, of which Abijah C., when eighteen years of age, took charge. He was thus engaged for some four or five years, and while in the southern part of Kansas had his right hand caught in a saw and received such injuries that he was compelled to give up that line of work. Returning to Madison County, he followed farming for three years and then again going to Kansas, operated a farm for a twelvemonth, and the four years following made a specialty of handling stock. Mr. Millikin at the end of that time again returned to Madison County and in company with R. A. Andrew purchased a warehouse at Plain City, in which place he was appointed Freight Agent for the Panhandle Railroad. After a residence of three years in that city, Mr. Millikin returned West and engaged in the stock business, but a year later came to this county, which has been his permanent home since that time.

September 15, 1881, the original of this sketch was married to Mrs. Elizabeth A. (Converse) Smith, the widow of Butler Smith and the daughter of James Converse. She was born in Canaan Township September 4, 1847, and after her marriage with our subject located on the East Pike in this township, where they have since lived. Mr. and Mrs. Millikin are the parents of three children, viz: Curdy, who died in infancy, Gracie and Robert C.

Our subject has taken a very prominent part in local affairs and has held the office of Township Trustee, of which position he is still the incumbent. Socially, he is a Mason, and as an Odd Fellow is connected with West Jefferson Lodge No. 412. Together with his wife, our subject is a member of the Universalist Church, in which denomination they have high standing.

JAMES J. EGAN is one of the foremost business men of Circleville, Ohio, and his career bears evidence of his personal worth. He is at present engaged in the grocery business, wholesale and retail, is a produce dealer, and is proprietor of the Union House, one of the best-known hotels in the city. He was born in County Cork,

Ireland, in the Barony of Duhallow, May 1st, 1842, and his father, John Egan, was also a native of that county and of Celtic stock. The latter followed the occupation of a farmer in his native country, and died there in 1889, when seventy-seven years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine O'Sullivan, was born in County Limerick, Ireland, and came of a very old and prominent family. Her father was a large farmer and a representative man of his county. Her mother died in 1880. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Egan, two were sons and three daughters, and all are living.

James J. Egan, the eldest of the above-mentioned family, was the only one who came to the United States. He has a sister, Hannah, now Mrs. Murphey, in Australia, but the other children are in the Emerald Isle. Our subject was reared in his native country and received his education in the schools of the same. On the 17th of May, 1873, he left Queenstown on the steamer "Smyrna," and landed in New York ten days and sixteen hours later. He was employed in a wholesale confectionery store until 1875, when, in April of that year, he came to Circleville. Eleven days after reaching that city, he engaged as clerk for Foresman & Bro., in the large mill, and continued with this firm for one year. He was subsequently employed as clerk by Mr. Fred Warner, in the grocery business, continued with him two years, and in 1879 he started out for himself in the grocery business in Circleville. This he has since carried on, and has met with well-merited success. He carries on his affairs on the soundest business principles, and his record lends to these pages, and to Circleville, credit and standing. He owns a one-half interest in the Union Hotel building with William Heffner, but conducts it alone, and he also owns a one-half interest in the Buck Block, where he has his store, with the same gentleman. Less than two years ago, Mr. Egan remodeled his hotel, and is as popular with his numerous patrons as he has been successful in his enterprise. He is the beau ideal of a hospitable landlord, attends to the wants of his guests most efficiently and without ostentation. Mr. Egan is also a stockholder in the Opera House Company, and is interested in many other business enterprises, in all of which he has been more than ordinarily successful. He conducts his affairs on strict principles, and the success crowning his efforts is only a natural consequence.

Our subject was first married, in 1877, to Miss Eliza Sullivan, of New York, now deceased. In 1881 he selected his second wife in the person of Miss Mary J. Warke, of New York City, and they are the parents of five interesting children: John Parnell, Robert Emmett, Catherine Mary, Sarah and Lizzie. In politics, Mr. Egan has always adhered to the Democratic party, and is a stanch supporter of its principles. He was treasurer of the Central Executive Committee for two years, and was Canal Collector under Gov. Hoadley for two years. He is on the building committee of the parochial school in Circleville, and is active in all worthy movements. He is a member of St. Joseph Church, and is a Knight of St. Joseph.

MICHAEL C. MILLAR, who comes of a well-known pioneer family, and was born in Pickaway County, February 15, 1847, is one of the foremost citizens of Harrison Township, his birthplace, and is very active in advancing its interests both as a farmer of marked ability, and as one of its most valued civic officers. He is interested in raising fine stock, especially trotting horses of superior breeds, and has a farm well adapted to that branch of business, situated on section 15, of his native township.

Our subject is a son of the late Adam and Nancy R. (Howell) Millar, who are represented elsewhere in this volume. He is a descendant in the second generation of William Millar, one of the original pioneers of this county. He came to Ohio from Virginia, his native State, one year previous to 1800, and first resided in Ross County for a time. He subsequently came to Pickaway County and took up his abode in a log cabin in the woods on section 22, Harrison Township, of which he was

one of the very first settlers, and here he rounded out a long and busy life of eighty-seven years, in 1863.

Adam Millar was born and reared in Pickaway County, and adopted farming as his life work. He gave considerable attention to raising cattle, and finally made fine stock a specialty, keeping cattle, horses and sheep of the best grades. He was an extensive land-owner, and one of the wealthy men of the county. After his marriage, he had a half-interest in seven hundred and one acres of land with his brother George, and on this he started in life, accumulating the remainder of his property by persistent and wisely-directed industry. He departed this life, November 1, 1891, and the county lost one of its prominent citizens, and the Democratic party one of its stanchest supporters in this vicinity. His wife survives him at the venerable age of seventy-five years.

The subject of this biographical record passed his boyhood days on his father's farm, very much as all farmers' boys have done from time immemorial, helping in the work of the farm and attending the public schools. He has given his attention to agricultural pursuits since he arrived at years of discretion, and has engaged principally in raising high-grade stock, including trotting horses of the best breeds. He is a stirring, wide-awake man, well gifted with those traits that command success, and that have also made him an important figure in the public life of his native township, his fellow-citizens appreciating his fitness for places of trust, and his capability in managing affairs. He has officiated as Township Trustee for several years, and has always been thoroughly alive to the interests of the community where he has always dwelt. His politics are of the Democratic order. Religiously, he is of the Methodist Episcopal faith, and he and his amiable wife are among the most earnest members of the church of that denomination, which he is serving as Treasurer and Steward. Socially, he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Millar was married October 29, 1874, to Miss Sarah Hickman, who was born in Franklin County, May 19, 1849. She is a daughter of Daniel and Jane (Blauvlet) Hickman. Her mother is now deceased. Her paternal grandfather came to Ohio from Maryland, and was one of the original settlers of Fairfield County. To Mr. and Mrs. Millar have come three children, of whom the following is the record: Anne E. was born January 14, 1876; Michael S., September 3, 1878; and Laura T., June 13, 1881.

JOHN B. LAUCK was a prominent farmer of Summerford Township, Madison County, not only because his estate was larger than that of the majority of residents there, but by reason of his deep and abiding interest in his calling and in matters pertaining to the welfare of others of his class. He was the proprietor of a beautiful estate of two hundred and seventy-six acres of well-tilled land, bearing good buildings of various kinds, and stocked with machinery and domestic animals suited to the extent of the work carried on.

The parents of our subject, Simon and Mary (Beck) Lauck, natives respectively of Winchester and Ohio Counties, Va., were married in that State, where they resided until their decease. The parental family included eight children, of whom our subject was the eldest but one. He was also born in Ohio County, January 17th, 1814, and grew to man's estate on his father's farm. About 1845, desiring to see something of the Western country, Mr. Lauck came to Madison County and made settlement in Summerford Township, which was his place of residence until his death, which occurred June 16, 1892.

The lady to whom our subject was married, in 1846, was Miss Louisa Morris, whose birth occurred in Adams County, this State, in 1826. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lauck located on the farm where the latter is at present residing. The former never lived to note the many wonderful changes in the country, whose present condition they never dreamed of beholding, although they had faith in the resources of the land. They rejoiced greatly in what they realized of the progress of the world,

and were glad that they have been able to aid in promoting the good of the locality.

The six children comprising the family of Mrs. Lauck bear the names of John F., Kate S., Reason G., Simon T., Sallie R. and Corwin, respectively. Samuel T. departed this life in Summerford Township when thirty-six years of age, being accidentally shot by the discharge of a gun, while climbing over a fence. Our subject was prominent in local affairs, and for several years held the position of Township Trustee. In politics, he deposited a Republican vote. Religiously, with his wife, he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which denomination they were active and influential members.

PETER DORN is engaged in farming and stock-raising about two and a half miles east of Sedalia, in Range Township, Madison County. He was born in Baden, Germany, October 13, 1838, and is the second in a family of five children. The parents, Nicholas and Elizabeth (Harwick) Dorn, removed to Hessen in 1844, and in 1853 crossed the Atlantic, landing in New York after a voyage of forty-two days. They came at once to Chillicothe, Ohio. The town had just been burned, and, in consequence, there was much work to do. The father of our subject began work by the day, and in October he purchased one hundred acres of land in Union Township, Ross County. His death occurred in August, 1854. He left his family comfortably situated.

Mr. Dorn, of this sketch, remained with his mother on the home farm, when, on the 1st of January, 1862, he wedded Miss Mary Catherine, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hartmann) Urigh. Her mother died in Germany, but her father, who was born November 11, 1811, is still living. The daughter was born in Germany, March 10, 1843. After his marriage, Mr. Dorn continued to reside on the home farm for a year, and then removed to Yellow Bud, in the same township, where he rented land and resided for seven years. He then removed to Deer Creek Township, Pickaway County, where he bought two hundred and eight acres of land, and made his home for nine years, in the meantime purchasing an additional tract of one hundred and twenty acres. In 1883, he purchased his present farm, which now comprises five hundred acres, and he also owns one hundred and twenty acres in Pickaway County. He has his land under a high state of cultivation and well improved, which is evidence of the thrift and enterprise of the owner.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Dorn were born the following children, twelve of whom are yet living: William, born September 1, 1862, was married October 17, 1887, to Laura Counts, and they have two children; Edward, born January 1, 1864, was married in London, March 10, 1887, to Carrie Snyder, and resides on his father's farm in Pickaway County; Lizzie, born August 8, 1865, died on the 8th of October following; Annie B., born November 20, 1866, became the wife of Clinton A. Bragg September 2, 1884, and died February 5, 1888, leaving one child; Chester, whose home is now with John K. Bragg; Charles, born February 8, 1868, is at home; Lucy, born April 29, 1869, became the wife of Samuel H. Blessing February 27, 1890, and they have one child; Henry, born July 8, 1870; Philip J., March 7, 1872; George, January 30, 1874; Frederick, August 3, 1875; Lina May, January 18, 1878; Jessie F., December 25, 1879; Peter F., December 20, 1881, and Walter H., February, 1885, are still at home.

In 1889, Mr. and Mrs. Dorn spent three months in their native land and visited all the principal cities along the Rhine. They also took a trip to the West in 1887, the lady visiting her people, while Mr. Dorn went to Kansas. He is a self-made man, who may attribute his success in life to his own industry, perseverance and good management and the assistance of his estimable wife, who has proved to him a true helpmate. His first vote was cast in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln. He has since been a Republican, and has served as a delegate to the conventions of his party. Himself and wife were formerly Lutherans, but as there was no church of their choice in this locality, they have become members of the Presbyterian Church.

Among the best citizens of this community they are numbered, and they well deserve representation in the history of their adopted county.

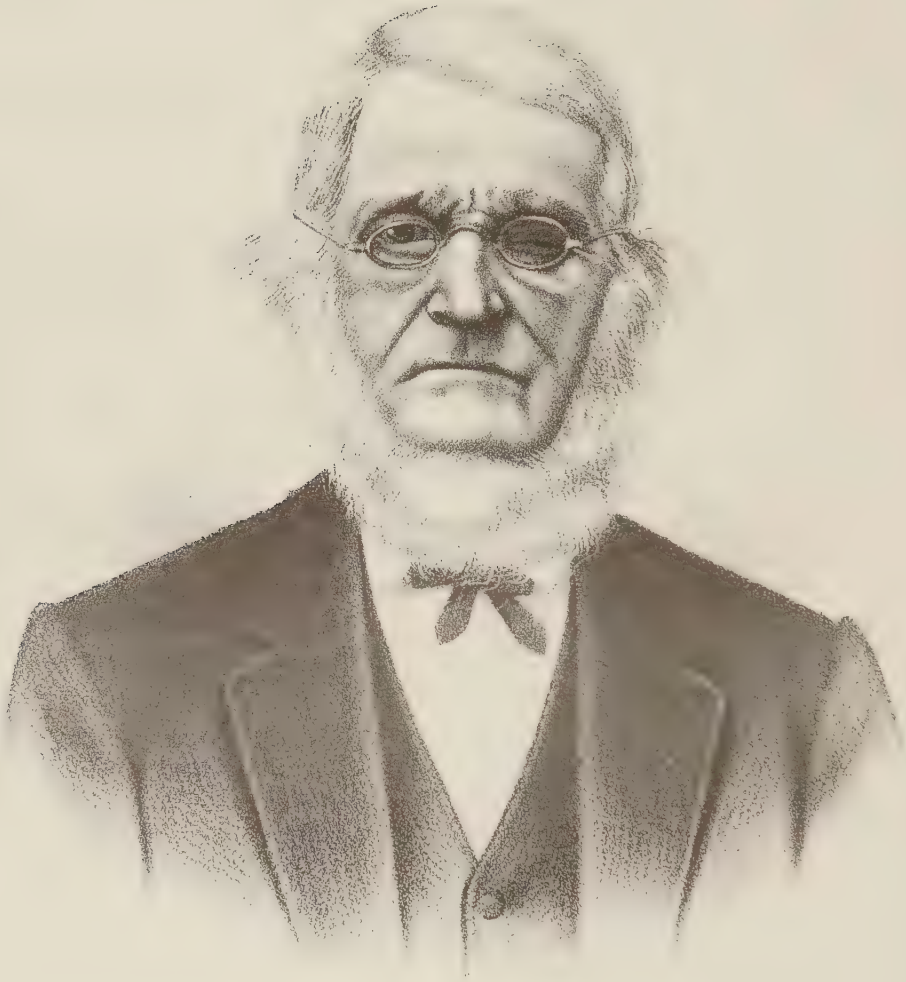
LEMUEL D. CONVERSE. This well-known and highly-esteemed agriculturist of Darby Township, Madison County, has a fine farm two miles southwest of Plain City, upon which may be seen an excellent brick farm house and good buildings, conveniently arranged and very commodious. This valued citizen was born in the same township, January 31, 1826, and his father, Jeremiah Converse, Jr., who was born November 11, 1790, in Vermont, was a son of Jeremiah Converse, Sr., who was also born and reared in Vermont. He married Rhoda Converse, of the same name as his own, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, suffering wounds therein in the cause of independence. He followed the double vocation of farming and the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

This veteran came to Ohio in 1814, and passed the first winter at Sunbury, Delaware County. In 1815, he came to Madison County and located in Darby Township, bringing with him his three sons, Jeremiah, Jr., Silas and Charles, the two last being then unmarried. The grandfather of our subject remained upon the place where he had thus made his home until his death in 1837, and his wife also died there, at the age of eighty-four. They were the parents of the following children, who, with one exception, all came to Ohio eventually: Sanford, Parley, Squire, Lothrop, Jeremiah, Jr., Silas, Charles, Sophia, and Orinda.

The father of our subject, who had been married in Vermont to Melinda Derby, a native of the same State, was one of the three who came to Ohio in 1814. Melinda Derby was born May 1, 1793, and had her early training and education in Vermont. She became the mother of ten children: Cyrus D. was born in Vermont, in September, 1814; Rhoda was born in Ohio, January 31, 1817; Erastus, born December 23, 1818; Elias was born April 10, 1821, and died in infancy; Jeremiah, born June 11, 1822; Lemuel D., our subject; Zelotus, born June 8, 1828; Melinda, July 12, 1830; Lois D., January 15, 1833; and Rosanna, May 12, 1835.

The second marriage of the father of Mr. Converse united him with Elizabeth Burdock, a native of Rhode Island, who was born April 24, 1800, and by this union there was one child, Samantha E., who was born July 10, 1838, and is now the widow of Henry James and resides in Colorado. Mrs. Elizabeth Converse died in Missouri, in March, 1888. When the parents of our subject came to Ohio, they traveled with a team in a moving wagon and were some six weeks on the road. They located upon a farm in Darby Township, and proceeded to clear and otherwise improve the property, fencing it and putting it in condition for crops. They remained there until the father's death, which took place July 18, 1849. The mother of our subject had died April 12, 1836, and they were both buried in the Plain City Cemetery. The father was a Whig, politically, and for many years was Trustee of Darby Township and Drum Major in the old State militia. In early manhood, he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in his last years belonged to the Protestant Methodist Church and took great interest in all religious efforts. He was well known and highly esteemed in the community and was a liberal contributor to all good causes.

The early education of Lemuel Converse was obtained in the old log schoolhouse, which was floored and seated with puncheons, and later, he studied in a select school in Union County, Ohio. He taught the district school in Union County, and afterward returned home, remaining with his father until the latter's death, afterward continuing with his stepmother. He was married, March 12, 1851, in Darby Township, to Laura A. Thomas, who was born in Champaign County, Ohio, June 22, 1833, and whose life had been so far spent in the counties of Union, Logan and Champaign. The young couple located upon one of the father's old homesteads, and after remaining there for a short time, bought a farm in Darby Township, about two and a half miles from Plain



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City, and there remained from June, 1851, to June, 1868, when they removed to the place where they now reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Converse are the parents of five children, three sons and two daughters, namely: Marcia L., who was born January 24, 1852; Jeremiah L. H., born April 21, 1854, died February 14, 1855; Carrie C., born May 4, 1856; Pearl D., February 21, 1868; and Ruby N., December 26, 1873. Our subject has a fine farm of one hundred and seventy-four and a half acres, which are mostly under cultivation. His first ballot was cast for Zachary Taylor, upon the Whig ticket. In 1856, he became a member of the Republican party, voting for John C. Fremont, and in 1860 and 1864 casting his vote for Abraham Lincoln. In 1876, he voted for R. B. Hayes, and in 1872 for Horace Greeley. In 1880, he voted for James B. Weaver, in 1884 for Benjamin Butler, and in 1888, voted the Union Labor ticket, for A. J. Streeter. Mr. Converse was on the ticket of the Greenback party in 1880 for Representative, and on the People's ticket for County Commissioner in 1891. Under the old military laws, he was Second Lieutenant of Dragoons, holding his commission under Gov. Bartlette, of Ohio. Only seven of the large family of his father now survive, and our subject is one of the most influential of this number.

JOHN CALDWELL. Although a number of years have passed since this honored citizen of Pickaway County closed his eyes upon the scenes familiar to him during the long years of his residence here, he is still remembered with affection. He was born February 5, 1800, and died August 24, 1884, having attained the venerable age of four-score years. In the development of Pickaway Township, he was especially helpful, and at the time of his death was the owner of three hundred and thirty acres, which through his labors had been finely improved. His portrait and biographical sketch will possess an especial value to the reader, in view of his pioneer experience and honorable career.

The name Caldwell, as it is brought down to us in legend, comes from a knightly ancestor who, during those early wars, was an officer. He used no horn or trumpet, as others did, nothing but his loud, clear, resonant and powerful voice, which universally attracted attention. They said of him that he "called well." The two words at a later date were merged into one, and his posterity took the name Caldwell. Most of that name throughout the United States trace their parentage back to the North of Ireland, whence they came at an early day. They were Protestants, belonged to the landed nobility, had their coat of arms, good financial standing and seemed to make much of every opportunity.

Of those who came over and settled in Pennsylvania were the brothers, Joseph, James and Samuel. Sarah, the sister, afterward married a man by the name of Russell. Joseph had seven sons and daughters, his fifth son, William, being the father of John Caldwell, the subject of this sketch. William was a native of Huntingdon County, Pa., and was born in 1764. November 28, 1786, he was married to Jane Moore, a native of the same county as himself, but of Scotch extraction, her parents being natives of Scotland. The children of William and Jane Caldwell were born in Pennsylvania, and the dates of their births were as follows: James and David (twins), born August 28, 1787; Robert, January 25, 1790; Samuel, June 14, 1792; William, August 29, 1794; Elizabeth J. (Mrs. Elias Benton), June 12, 1797; John, February 5, 1800; Daniel, July 9, 1802; Joseph, May 1, 1804, and Johnson, January 12, 1806. Several of these died in infancy.

In 1808, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, with their children, removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio in two canvas-covered wagons, arriving October 8 and locating about one mile west of Kingston, Ross County, on the old Lancaster road. During much of the journey hither, Mrs. Caldwell rode on a pacing pony. They were among the early members of the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Ross County, of which Mr. Caldwell was elected a ruling Elder and ordained to that office August 7, 1811. After passing the winter in a cabin, which he erected west of Kingston, he came, in

March, 1809, to Pickaway County and settled on three hundred and thirty acres on section 15, Pickaway Township, where he resided until his death, March 20, 1815, at the age of fifty-two years. His wife survived him a few years, her death occurring September 1, 1823.

The seventh child in the family was John, the subject of this notice, who was born February 5, 1800, in Huntingdon County, Pa. He was eight years old when he accompanied his parents to Ohio, and here he ever afterward resided. January 24, 1828, his marriage took place, his bride being Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Monnett. She was a devoted Christian woman, whose memory is still precious to those yet living who knew her. She died June 22, 1838.

Seven children were born of the union of our subject and his wife, as follows: Elizabeth J. married Dwight Calhoun, of Kenton, Ohio, and they are the parents of six daughters, all living but the eldest, Emma, of whom mention will be made later; Isaac M., who married Sophronia Morris and became the father of three children, died in camp near Memphis, Tenn., May 4, 1862, and his widow lives in Solomon City, Kan.; Robert, who lives in Sheldon, Ill., married Cynthia Pinneo, and they have three children; William L. married Alvina Tobias, and they became the parents of six children, three of whom are living. He died July 8, 1876, and his widow makes her home in Minneapolis, Minn. Amos B. first married Margaret Pinneo, who died near Sheldon, Ill., June 24, 1863, leaving one daughter. In 1866, he married Lovinia, daughter of Rev. Jacob Holmes, of Marion, Ohio, an amiable woman whose death occurred in Pomona, Cal., June 1, 1887, where the family still reside. At her decease she left four children. John W. chose as his wife Miss Virilla Shoecraft, of Oneida County, N. Y. He was for eighteen years Superintendent of City Schools, serving at Cardington and Urbana, this State, and Attica, Seymour and Huntingdon, Ind. For years he has been engaged in writing for the Lewis Publishing Company, of Chicago, and other firms. Two of his children are yet living and two died in infancy. Sarah B., born June 22, 1837, died March 19, 1838.

November 12, 1839, John Caldwell was a second time married, his wife being Rebecca McClellan, who was born February 13, 1810, a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Kinnear) McClellan, of Centre County, Pa. Three children were born of that union, the eldest, who was born August 19, 1840, dying in infancy. Anna M. taught with her brother several years in the public schools of Seymour, Ind., and Sheldon, Ill., and is at present residing with her aged mother at the old home. Thomas M., the youngest child, was born June 20, 1843, and died September 23, 1852.

Mr. Caldwell was a man of industrious and temperate habits, his manner of living being plain and comfortable. He cleared up a farm which he bought of his father's administrator, and toiled patiently in the work of improvement, against many disadvantages but with ultimate success and satisfaction. He delighted in reading, purchased many useful books and provided himself and family with a good library. He was also a close observer and had a good knowledge of men and affairs. Until the day of his final sickness, his leisure moments were devoted to reading, and he retained a perfect recollection of all he read. He filled the office of Township Clerk for Pickaway for a number of years and served nine years as Justice of the Peace, beginning in 1836. He was not disposed to hold office, would not thrust himself forward and was not in any sense a politician, but was always a firm supporter of the principles that he believed best. He was formerly an old-line Whig, but after the organization of the Republican party supported its men and measures. During the time the old State militia was in force, he held the office of Captain in that organization, serving some years.

The first Methodist Episcopal Church organized in the township was at Salem; a log meeting-house was built a short distance from the present house in 1802 or 1803, and in that building Mr. Caldwell attended school in 1812. A new log meeting-house was built in 1816 near by, and he hauled stone for the foundation from the farm on which he lived and died. He was one of the most prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Class-leader for more than thirty years, Steward and Trustee for a still longer term, and a

liberal supporter of the church, contributing generously to the erection of the present Salem Chapel in 1882. He loved the house of God, and in age and feebleness it was his delight to be at his place in the sanctuary. During his last illness, his mind often wandered and in reference to earthly things was much clouded, but in regard to the future all was clear. He always without hesitation expressed full confidence in the Savior. In his case there were no doubts, no fears, heavenward was all clear. On August 24, 1884, he peacefully passed away, aged eighty-four years, six months and nineteen days.

Emma Calhoun, referred to above, was the eldest granddaughter of John Caldwell and was born March 27, 1850. She was unusually gentle, sweet and attractive, and almost as serious when a child as she was in the days of her maturity. Her favorite early books were those which told of the first missions to the Sandwich Islands, the South Seas and to the American Indians. With her conversion there came a desire to tell of Him to the heathen. She taught school when quite young and organized a Sunday-school in one of the Kenton school districts, which is still a means of great good. In 1868, she entered the Western Female Seminary at Oxford, Ohio, graduating in two years, and after successfully teaching for one year at Evansville, Ind., the call came to the Dakota Mission, and in the summer of 1872, when twenty-two years of age, she became a helper to the Rev. J. P. Williamson, his wife and sister, at Yankton Agency, Dak.

In 1874, she returned to her home in Kenton, Ohio, with an Indian youth whom she had led to the Savior, hoping to find a home for him among her friends and to educate him for higher usefulness among his people. But the boy's health failed, and she was compelled to take him back to Dakota in a dying condition. February 15, 1876, she became the wife of Rev. Charles L. Hall, and with him went to Ft. Berthold, in Northern Dakota, to carry the Gospel to a people who had not yet received it. In the midst of home cares, she worked continually for the people around her, and with her child in her arms was accustomed to teach and preach. Five years of married life—five years of constant longing to realize a higher ideal of home life and Christian activity—nine years of missionary life, and then the peaceful rest came on Easter, April 17, 1881. Her trunk was packed that she might visit friends in Ohio, but pneumonia came first, and in ten days, with words of prayer on her lips, she went home to "sing His praise above."

JACOB SIFRIT, a wealthy retired merchant, whose attractive home is finely located on the corner of East High and Union Streets, London, has been one of the prominent promoters of the business interests of Madison County, of which he is a native. He was born in Paint Township, January 17, 1819, a son of Andrew and Hannah (Marrel) Sifrit. His parents were natives of Virginia, where they were married, and where the father was engaged as a farmer. In 1803, they came to Ohio, and for a time Mr. Sifrit was employed in farming on a large farm near Chillicothe. In 1804, he b ought his family to Madison County, and they were among the first to settle in this section of the State. He secured land for his services as a Revolutionary soldier in Paint Township, built a hewn log house in a lonely spot, his nearest neighbor being four miles away. When he raised his house, he asked, as was the custom in those times, his fellow-pioneers to assist him, and there were only seven or eight men living within a radius of twelve miles to help him. Chillicothe, forty-five miles distant, was his nearest market, and he and his had to content themselves with such comforts as were procurable, and suffered many privations. He worked patiently, and in due time had evolved a good farm from the wilderness, and had erected a substantial set of buildings and made other extensive improvements. He lived to be very old, being in his ninety-eighth year when he died, in 1847. His wife survived him until 1860, when she passed away, at the age of eighty years. He was one of the heroes of the Revolution, enlisting when he was only eighteen years old, and served throughout the great struggle for freedom. At one time

he was taken prisoner, was carried out on the ocean, and for fourteen months did not see land. He was nearly starved, a half pint of rice serving for his daily rations. Once, while in battle, he was pinned to the ground with a sword thrust through his side, and at the battle of Brandywine he had five bullet holes in his hunting-shirt when the fight was over. The river was red with blood, and he could have walked over it on the dead bodies of the slain. He was taken prisoner a number of times, but was generally promptly exchanged. His regiment was once surrounded by the Indians, but he and his comrades took the horses and equipments from their savage foes, and courageously drove them back.

While living in Madison County, he was a conspicuous figure in its public life, acting in various official capacities. He was a Democrat, and the first man he ever voted for was Gen. Washington, his old leader, as the first President of the United States. He and his wife helped organize the first Baptist Church in the neighborhood, and were among its most zealous members. They had a family of eleven children, of whom three are living: Jacob, Lawrence W. and Michael. By a former wife the father had a family of nine children, all of whom are dead. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Michael Sifrit, a native of Germany, who emigrated to America during the last century and settled in Virginia. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Jacob and Hannah (Reader) Marrel, who were natives of Virginia. They came to Ohio in the early days of its settlement, and lived in Paint Township until death removed them. The grandfather was a shoemaker by trade, and was the father of three children, all of whom are dead. He was of German descent, a Democrat in politics, and a Free-will Baptist in religion.

Our subject passed his younger days on a farm, and in his boyhood went to school, a mile and a half distant, to a log schoolhouse, that was rudely constructed and furnished, and had greased paper instead of glass for windows. He remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age, affording his father material assistance in his farm labors, and at the age of twenty taking the farm to work on shares. At the end of five years, he purchased a farm in Franklin County, which was all timber, and he devoted his energies to its development, building a log house, covered with clapboards, for shelter, and in five years time he had his land cleared and fairly well cultivated. But his incessant toil told on his health, which failed, and so he rented his farm, and, going to Harrisburgh, was engaged in the mercantile business there eight and one-half years. Selling out his property at that point, he returned to Madison County and invested in a farm in Paint Township, where he lived eight years. Coming then to London, he resumed business as a grocer and provision dealer, but at the expiration of two years he was again obliged to abandon work on account of ill-health, and he spent the ensuing four years in retirement. After that he again went into business, and for ten years was engaged in the sale of groceries and queensware, in connection with a bakery. Ten years later his health failed him once more, and he sold out, and for some four years interested himself in dealing in stock, but since then he has lived retired, buying a home in a pleasant residence quarter of London. Notwithstanding the fact that he has had much to contend with in the way of physical disability, he has accumulated a valuable property, including some five hundred acres of land in the county, and is one of our solid monied men. He has held various township offices, and has always encouraged public improvements. During the war, he took a deep interest in its course, and with true patriotism offered his services to help fight his country's battles, enlisting for a term of one hundred days, but he was dismissed on account of his age. Politically, he is a Republican, who has stood by his party when disaster overtook it as well as when victory perched on its banners. In his religious relations, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his amiable wife also belongs, and he has been Steward and Trustee of the church. Socially, he is connected with the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Sifrit and his wife have passed a true wedded life of more than half a century's duration, having been united in marriage March 29, 1838. Mrs. Sifrit, whose maiden name was Emily

Hall, is a daughter of William and Rachel (Emery) Hall, who were natives of Virginia, but were married in Chillicothe in 1802. They first settled among the pioneers of Ross County, and remained there until 1809, when they came to Madison County, and settled in Ring Township, where the father engaged in his business as a farmer and a stock merchant, living there many years. In 1845, he went in his old age to Iowa, but subsequently returned eastward as far as New Boston, Ill., where he died. Of his nine children, but one is living besides Mrs. Sifrit, Felicity, widow of William Johnston, who was a farmer, native of this county, and died in 1888, leaving these six children: Albert A., Isaac M., Arthur T., Myron B., Willis B. and Clarence E.

Our subject and his wife have five children: Alpheus C., who married Marion Jones; Hannah, who is the wife of William H. Tyler; William A., who married Miss Clara Cappel for his first wife, who died in 1883, leaving five children: Edward E., Franklin, William H., Alpheus C. and Bessie, and for his second wife married Miss Alice Stingley; Rachel M., who married Ezra Beathard, and has four children: Mary E., Jacob S., Lawrence W. and Howard H.; and Mary E., who married Walter Grafton, and has two children: Jacob L. and Wellington. Mrs. Tyler has four children: Minnie G., Daniel O., William H. and Mary E. Minnie G. married a Mr. Shouh, and has three children: Homer, William T. and Herbert.

R HARRISON ANDREW. We are pleased to present among the prominent residents of Plain City the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this paragraph, a prosperous grain-dealer, who has charge of an elevator in this city. He was born in Washington County, Pa., on the 8th of April, 1837. His father, Cyrus Andrew, was born in 1802, eight miles south of the county seat, in Washington County, Pa., where he carried on the occupation of a farmer and resided through life, dying at the age of sixty-six years. In his political views, he was a Democrat, and as a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, he took an active part in religious work and was highly esteemed for both character and intelligence. His father, Charles Andrew, was, it is supposed, of New York birth, and he took an active part in the Revolutionary War.

The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Dille, was a native of Pennsylvania, her father, Stephen Dille, being also a native of the Keystone State. She was born in 1806, in Washington County, and died near her native place at the age of eighty-three. She was united in marriage to the father of our subject in Pennsylvania in 1836, and there they made their home through life. They were the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to years of maturity. The eldest son, Stephen D., died in Madison County, Ohio, at the age of fifty-six; Colin R., who is a farmer, resides in Washington County, Pa.; Rachel, who is the wife of A. J. Dickerson, lives in Plain City. Our subject is the next in order of age, and following him is Lucetta L., who resides in Washington County, Pa., while Holmes is married and resides on the old homestead in Pennsylvania.

The youth of Mr. Andrew was passed in his native place and he remained with his father, assisting him upon the farm until 1860, when he came to Ohio and located in Canaan Township, Madison County. There he was married in 1862 to Miss Mary J., daughter of Elihu and Polly Knapp. Mr. Knapp lived to be nearly ninety years old, lacking only nineteen days of that period at the time of his decease. Mrs. Andrew was born in Canaan Township, December 22, 1837.

Immediately after marriage, this young couple located on a farm which remained the family home for fourteen years, and there the wife died July 4, 1876. Mr. Andrew then removed to Plain City and engaged in the grain business, handling also salt, wood and coal, and carrying on a general warehouse business, as well as becoming proprietor of the elevator. The first marriage of Mr. Andrew was blessed by the birth of three children, two of whom died in infancy and one, the daughter Lillie, is now residing in Washington County, Pa.

Mr. Andrew has been prosperous in his business and has accumulated real estate in the city, which he rents. Upon the 6th of October, 1880, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ann, daughter of A. H. and Irene Sherwood. Mr. Andrew is a prominent member of the Universalist Church, of which he is an honored Trustee. His political views bring him into union with the Democratic party, but he devotes only scant time and attention to public matters, as he is largely devoted to his business interests. He is an active member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and has an excellent standing in the community.

JACOB HEDGES. The results of industry and unflagging perseverance are shown in the life of the above-named gentleman, who owns and occupies one of the most beautiful homes in Walnut Township, Pickaway County. He is one of the honored pioneers of this county, and is thus held in high esteem and respect by all his wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Hedges was born in Fairfield County, this State, June 29, 1828, and is the son of Absalom and Margaret (Heren) Hedges, natives of Pennsylvania. The father of our subject was a soldier in the War of 1812, and his grandfather was a patriot in the Revolutionary War. Absalom Hedges emigrated to Fairfield County in an early day, when this now wealthy and prosperous State was in its primitive condition and infested with Indians. In 1840, he removed to Ross County, where he passed his last days, dying in 1850. The elder Mr. Hedges was twice married, and the brothers and sisters of our subject who survive are Catherine, Mrs. Sturgeon, residing in Logan County, Ill.; Thomas, who makes his home in Nebraska; and Caroline, also Mrs. Sturgeon.

The gentleman whose name heads this sketch was reared to man's estate amid the pioneer scenes of this section, assisting his father in developing the land, and attending the district school during the winter months. The temple of learning bore little resemblance to the commodious and convenient structures in which the youth of to-day are educated, for it was built of logs and, instead of being heated by steam, had built in one end a large fireplace, six feet wide. The seats were made of slabs with pin legs, and boards placed around the room and supported in a similar manner served as writing desks for the scholars. The school was carried on under the subscription plan, the teacher boarding around.

July 14, 1853, Miss Sarah E. Brink became the wife of our subject. She was born March 7, 1835, in Ross County, Ohio, and was the daughter of Thomas R. and Margaret (Smock) Brink. The father, who is now deceased, was a native of the Keystone State, and came with his parents to Ross County in 1800, being at that time only four years of age. Mrs. Brink was a native of this State, her father being a soldier in the War of 1812. Of the eight children born to the parents of Mrs. Hedges we make mention of the following who survive: Mrs. Hedges, Mary, Mrs. David Layton, residing in Illinois, and Albert, who makes his home in Circleville.

To our subject and his estimable wife have been born a large family of eleven children, eight of whom are living at the present time. Jacob W.; Alice, Mrs. Otis Lutz; Lizzie, Mrs. W. E. Markel; Thomas B., Effie, Sciota, Josiah and Edgar. After his marriage, Mr. Hedges made his home for several years in Ross County, when he removed to Wayne Township, Pickaway County, locating on his present farm in 1881. His estate comprises three hundred and thirty-five acres, which his industry and good management have placed under excellent cultivation. Mr. Hedges has been more than ordinarily successful in his life calling, and now ranks among the prosperous and well-to-do agriculturists of the county. He is self-made in all that that word implies, as he has made his own way in the world.

In his political affiliations, our subject votes the Republican ticket. In early life, he was a strong Abolitionist, and while residing in the southwestern portion of Ross County, which was on the line of the underground railroad during the war, assisted many slaves in effecting their escape,

While not a member of any religious body, Mr. Hedges contributes liberally to the support of various denominations, and is active in all good works. He and his wife are now enjoying the fruits of a life well spent, and their friends are as numerous as their acquaintances. Socially, our subject is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being identified with Pickaway Lodge No. 23, at Circleville.

JOHN Mc CARTNEY, Justice of the Peace of London, is an old resident of Madison County, and though his life is approaching the eightieth milestone of the long journey, he is still actively identified with its interests, and administers the duties of his office with a vigor and despatch that would do credit to his juniors in the legal profession. He was born in one of the pioneer homes of Ross County, near Chillicothe, July 7, 1813. His father, who bore the same name as himself, was a well-to-do farmer of that region, owning three hundred acres of land, on which he carried on general farming for many years, until death closed his life. He was a native of Ohio, and was married in this State to Margaret Wells, who was born in Kentucky. Of their twelve children, four are living besides our subject, namely: Francis, Elizabeth, Harriet and Jesse.

He of whom this biographical sketch is principally written spent his younger days on his father's farm and in attendance at the district school. He remained at home with his parents until he was eighteen years old, and he was then engaged by John Bush to work on his farm when required, but chiefly to handle stock, for which purpose he sent him to Pennsylvania, where he remained some time. His next employment was with John Eckerman, of Greenfield, who sent him traveling throughout the State to sell common mantel clocks. That was his business for two years, and after that he worked on farms for different farmers until his marriage. He then rented land for some years and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. On receiving his appointment to the office of Deputy Sheriff of Madison County, he abandoned farming and took up his residence in London, where he has since lived. He was Deputy Sheriff eight years, such a long term of office denoting faithful and efficient service, and during that time he was elected to his present position as Justice of the Peace. While he is one of the stanchest of Democrats, although the village and township are strongly Republican, he has held this office continuously since. There has never been a more popular justice here, or one with a better record. He has never had but one of his decisions reversed by a higher court, and in the many cases tried before him has shown a clear and comprehensive knowledge of the law as applicable to each one. His whole course in whatever position he has been shows him to be fair-minded, scrupulously honest and a Christian gentleman, whom his friends and associates of many years' standing hold in high regard.

Mr. Mc Cartney was greatly blessed in his wife, Elda Stingley, a native of Greene County, and a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Bush) Stingley, and her death was a sad blow to him. She left four children to mourn with him her loss, three sons and one daughter, namely: Austin E., who married Miss Roberts, and has three children: Edna, Mary and Beulah; Mrs. Mary Oglesby; Jacob H., who married Miss Bedenbach, and has one child, Myrtle M.; and William A., who married Miss Eubank, and has two daughters: Ethel and Ida.

GEORGE SEALL is one of the clever, genial and open-hearted men of this section, and is a descendant of one of the very earliest families of Pickaway County, Ohio. He is a native-born resident of this county, born in Pumpkin Run, Pickaway Township, October 31, 1833, and is a son of George Samuel Seall, who was born at Red Bank, Ohio, in 1799, about forty-five miles above Cincinnati. The grandfather, Samuel Seall, was born at Waynesburg, Pa., and was there married. He served in the Revolutionary War for about seven years, and afterwards re-

moved to Kentucky, where he followed his trade of blacksmith, gunsmith, etc. From there he removed to Red Bank, Ohio, following his trade there until 1799, when he came to Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and settled on Pumpkin Run. In 1805, he entered land in Walnut Township, and in connection with his trade he carried on agricultural pursuits. There his death occurred, in 1812. Two of his sons served in the War of 1812, and one was first made Captain and then Major.

The father of our subject, Samuel Seall, was early taught the trade of blacksmith, and followed this for about thirty years, after which he engaged in farming on the farm near Pumpkin Run. In April, 1845, he located in Washington Township, Pickaway County, on a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, and there died in 1870. He was a man well respected in the community, and was among the representative citizens, having served as Justice of the Peace in Washington and Pickaway Townships for many years. He married Miss Mary Gangar, a native of Berks County, Pa., and the daughter of Nicholas Gangar, also of the Keystone State. Nicholas Gangar came to Ohio about 1806, with a team and wagon, and located in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, where he engaged in farming. He married Miss Christina Ludwig, a half-sister of Jacob Ludwig (see sketch of Daniel Ludwig). Mr. Gangar died in Pickaway County, Ohio, but his wife passed away in Indiana. Mrs. Seall, the mother of our subject, died in 1868. She was a member of the Lutheran Church. Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Seall, two reached mature years, and one, John, died in this county in 1885.

The original of this notice remained on the farm in Pickaway Township, this county, until eleven years of age, and then went on a farm in Washington Township. He received a fair education in the district schools, first in Pickaway Township, where he received instruction in the log schoolhouse with slab seats, etc. He worked with his father on the farm until 1862, when he went to West Covington, Ind., and was engaged with a man who was buying horses for the army. Three years later, he returned to the farm, and in 1870 he and a brother took charge of the farm until 1874, when our subject was married. In 1876, his brother was elected County Treasurer, held this position in an able and efficient manner for two terms, and then returned to the farm, which he carried on until his death.

Our subject continued to till the soil until the spring of 1882, when he located here and engaged in the retail boot and shoe business, under the firm title of Seall & Judy. In 1886, he sold out to his partner, and is now retired from the active duties of life. He owns a comfortable home on Pickaway Street, near Union Street, and owns a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 28, Washington Township, this county, this being well improved with fine buildings, etc. He rents this farm. Mr. Seall was married on the 21st of January, 1874, to Miss Mary Pontius, a native of Pickaway County, and the daughter of Amos (see sketch of George H.) Pontius. This union resulted in the birth of two children: Mary C. and Lucy E. Our subject was Clerk of Washington Township for two years, and his brother held the same position for twenty-two years. Socially, Mr. Seall is a member of the Knights of Honor. In politics, he has always advocated the principles of the Democratic party. Mrs. Seall is a member of the United Brethren Church, and a refined and cultured lady.

J. N. CLARK, M. D., a physician of marked talent and ability, has been brought into close and kindly relations with residents in and about Madison Mills, Fayette County, in which place he resides. His warm heart and generous sympathies add to the good feeling inspired by his professional culture and practical skill, and he has a large following and many sincere friends. He was born in Mt. Sterling, Madison County, October 6, 1843, and is a son of Alex and Lydia (Adkins) Clark, who are both still living.

He of whom we write lived in Mt. Sterling until sixteen years of age, where he attended the common schools, and then with his parents came to

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Madison Mills, where he attended the temple of learning for three years more. When twenty years of age, he was engaged at work in his father's blacksmith shop. Three years previous to the time above mentioned, however, Mr. Clark enlisted, December 9, 1861, in the Union ranks, as a member of Company C, Sixtieth Ohio Infantry; but not being able to stand the hardships imposed upon soldiers, he was honorably discharged July 19, 1862.

The original of this sketch, under the influence of Dr. W. T. Willeman, of Palestine, this State, determined to follow the profession of a physician and began studying medical books at night and working in a shop of his own during the day. He followed this plan for four years, when he felt himself competent to take a course of lectures, and entered the Starling Medical College at Columbus, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in the spring of 1872.

Dr. Clark located for the practice of medicine at Harrisburgh, where he remained for one year, and then moved to Buena Vista, Fayette County, where he made his home for a like period. At the expiration of that time, he came to Madison Mills, making his headquarters at his father's home until he could look up a suitable location. Finding a good opening in this place, he determined to make it his future home, and before he was well aware of the fact had built up a large and lucrative practice.

Miss Ella A., the daughter of George and Amelia (Bush) Parrett, became the wife of our subject, January 31, 1860. To them have been granted a family of seven children, viz: Mabel, who was born May 19, 1878; Lewis A., February 13, 1880; Lydia, January 16, 1882; Pauline, February 27, 1884; Zelma Lee, May 7, 1886; Ralph S., December 22, 1888, and Minnie Belle, March 13, 1891. Dr. Clark became a Mason in 1877 and has taken the Royal Arch degree, holding membership at Bloomingburgh in the Blue Lodge, and at Washington C. H. in the Royal Arch. He has been very successful in his chosen profession and has been enabled to lay by a handsome competency, in addition to aiding his brothers in getting a start in the world. He has only reached the top of the hill of life and has therefore before him, as far as human eyes can see, many years in which to continue the good work in which he is engaged and make further investigations in the interest of humanity.

JOSHUA T. RANKIN. Among the men who are successful in tilling the soil in Madison County, Mr. Rankin has a prominent place. His estate comprises fifty-two broad and fertile acres in Union Township, where a full line of substantial farm buildings stand, stock grazes, and skill and enterprise are shown in agricultural work. In connection with farming, Mr. Rankin loans considerable money, having disposed of most of his land. In all his dealings with his fellow-men, he has been honorable, and in his associations with those about him manifests a kindly spirit and public enterprise.

James and Margaret (Truitt) Rankin, the parents of our subject, were born in Maryland, the former May 20, 1786, and the latter January 1, 1788. They were married in their native State, February 10, 1808, and in the spring of 1817 left Maryland for Ohio, arriving in Madison County in the fall of that year. The following spring the parents located on the land which is now the site of the County Infirmary Farm. Mr. Rankin, who combined the trade of a carpenter with the occupation of farmer, was quite successful in life, and died at his home August 21, 1857; his good wife departed this life in South Charleston, this State, December 12, 1871.

Our subject, who was the seventh in order of birth of the parental family of ten children, was born in Union Township, this county, April 29, 1824. He was reared to farm pursuits and has always resided upon the home place, with the exception of ten months which he spent in the West. Mr. Rankin and Miss Sarah Evans were united in marriage in London, this State. The lady, who was a native of Indiana, died at her home in Union Township. Our subject chose for his second wife Miss Olie C. Bell, the date of their marriage being

March 26, 1885. She was born in this township, and became the mother of one child, a daughter, India, whose birth occurred May 23, 1886.

He of whom we write has always been actively interested in local affairs, and during elections casts a straight Republican vote. By industry and economy, he has accumulated a competence, and is one of the well-to-do citizens of Union Township and as such deserves a place in this biographical work. In connection with this sketch of his life, his portrait is presented to our readers.

PERRY G. BOSTWICK, attorney-at-law at Circleville, was born in Hart's Grove, Ashtabula County, Ohio, April 25, 1839. For complete account of his ancestry, the reader is referred to the sketch of his brother, Capt. B. H. He was reared in his native village and received a good common-school education in the schools there, which was supplemented by attendance at the academy at Austinburg. After graduating, he came to Pickaway County and taught a six-months' term of school two miles from the city. He was a successful teacher, and under his tuition the pupils made rapid and commendable progress. Another term of attendance at school, and a second term of teaching, were followed by work for the Government in buying horses.

During the war, Mr. Bostwick was in the employ of the Government as Post Sutler, at Chattanooga, Tenn., after which he returned North, and took a course in Eastman's Commercial College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He embarked in business for himself afterward as agent for a life insurance company, representing the Mutual for eighteen months. For about the same length of time he resided on a farm, and then, in the spring of 1869, located in Circleville, and began reading law, while at the same time he was book-keeper for one of the established firms of the city.

After prosecuting his legal studies under Jeremiah Hall & Brother, Mr. Bostwick was admitted to practice at the Bar of Ohio, in the spring of 1874, and at once located in Circleville, where he has since followed his profession, his office being in Peck's Block. He is a criminal lawyer of note, and his legal erudition and professional ability are everywhere conceded. He is a member of the Bar Association, and in his political affiliations has always adhered to the platform of the Republican party. He has served as delegate to State conventions, and; socially, is identified with the Knights of Pythias.

The marriage of Mr. Bostwick, in 1867, united him with Miss Mary A. Wheeler, who was born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and is the daughter of a prominent merchant of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Bostwick are the parents of three children, namely: George E., who is at home; Harry W., who is in the clothing business at Newark, Ohio; and Charles A., who is also at Newark. The family residence is a pleasant house on Pickaway Street, and is often visited by the many friends of the family. Mrs. Bostwick is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a lady of great worth and kindliness of heart, enjoying the esteem of all who meet her.

PETER TEEGARDIN. We are pleased to represent here another member of one of the prominent families of Madison Township, Pickaway County, and a well-known pioneer farmer, who resides on section 28 of the township in which he was born, September 28, 1817. His parents were William and Elizabeth (Shook) Teegardin, the father being a native of Westmoreland County, Pa., and the mother a native of Lehigh County, the same State. His great-grandfather was German by birth, the wife of that ancestor having been born in the Green Isle of Erin.

William Teegardin, the father of our subject, migrated to Pickaway County, this State, in 1811, coming through with a team, and making his settlement in Madison Township, upon section 23. This part of the country was then a complete wil-

derness, through which roamed wolves and deer. He struggled hard with the practical problem of reducing this wild country to civilization, and did his full share of pioneer work. He took part in the War of 1812, but aside from that he spent the remainder of his life in Madison Township. He was the father of twelve children, and six of that number are still living: Margaret is now the widow of Jackson Miller, of Allen County, this State; Aaron and Daniel reside in Indiana; Catherine married Harrison Darst, but is now a widow, and is making her home in Kansas, while Abraham and our subject live near the old home in Pickaway County. The father served his township as Justice of the Peace, and in his death this part of the county lost one of its most efficient and highly respected pioneers.

Peter Teegardin grew to man's estate in Madison Township, amid scenes of pioneer life, and has done much hard work in clearing the forest and subduing the land. He received his education in the log cabin schoolhouse of the early days, and gained much practical preparation for the duties of life in that primitive school. That the edifice was rudely constructed, and the furnishings scant and unshapely, did not prevent this boy from acquiring those elements of an education which are needed for attaining a worthy citizenship.

The marriage of our subject took place August 2, 1846, and he was united to Iva A. Crum, daughter of Thomas and Christina Crum. By this union was born a large family of children, and eleven of them are living, namely; William H., who resides in Missouri; Hannah, the wife of Samuel Murphy, whose home is in Franklin County, Ohio; John F., who lives in Allen County, Ohio; Thomas H.; George E. and Edwin O., who live in Madison Township, this county; Annie, who is at home; Clara, who married O. C. Peters, and resides in Walnut Township, this county; Peter lives in Canal Winchester, Ohio; Clinton B., who is still beneath the parental roof, and Cora A. also at home.

The devoted wife and helpmate of this prominent citizen was called from the activities of earth September 18, 1883, leaving behind her the memory of her worthy life, the affection of her family, and the esteem of all who knew her. Her many friends felt that her loss was a great one to the community. She was a consistent and earnest member of the Lutheran Church, and her life rounded out well the ideal of a Christian wife and mother.

The farm of Mr. Teegardin now comprises two hundred and ninety-two acres, and at one time he owned fully one thousand acres, the greater portion of which he has now divided among his children. He began by receiving one hundred and sixty acres of land from his father, in the woods of Allen County, Ohio, and all that he has since gained has been by his own efforts, aided by the wise counsel and co-operation of his wife.

JOHN P. TODHUNTER is perhaps as well known as any man in Fayette County, as he has made his home in Perry Township for nearly three-quarters of a century, being born here, March 21, 1817. He is at present residing on the old homestead, where he has carried on the operations of a farm for fifty-four years. He has always been highly respected as a thorough-going farmer and business man, his wife too sharing in the esteem which is accorded to him.

Isaac Todhunter, the ancestor of the Todhunters of Fayette and Highland Counties, Ohio, and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was, from the best accounts available, born in Pennsylvania, about the year 1754. He married Elenor Jury, of Chester County, Pa. They were the parents of six sons, namely: Richard, Isaac, Jr., John, Abner, Jury and Jacob, and one daughter, Margaret. They lived for several years in Frederick County, Va., and removed thence to Lost Creek, Tenn. In 1804, they moved to Highland County, Ohio, stopping at, or near, the site of Leesburgh, with their sons, Richard and Isaac, Jr., who preceded them the year previous. In the following year (1805), he purchased the Massie Survey, containing twelve hundred acres situated on the banks of Walnut Creek, in the southern limits of Perry Township, Fayette County, Ohio, but at that time, and for several years subsequent, was a part of

Highland County. In the year 1806, he was elected one of the Trustees at the first election held in Fairfield Township. He was a member of the Society of Friends, donated a lot on which to build a meeting-house, and was the principal one in organizing a church, which continues to be known as Walnut Creek Friends' Church. He was a useful and influential man in his community, and in the church. He died in the year 1821, aged about sixty-seven years. His wife, Elenor, survived him eighteen years, and died in 1839, aged upward of eighty years.

Richard Todhunter, the eldest son of Isaac Todhunter, and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Virginia about the year 1779 or 1780. He married Rebecca Llewellyn; they had three sons and four daughters, namely: Whalen, Mary, Jane, Elenor, John P., Alfred and Emily. Elenor, John P. and Alfred are still living.

Mr. Todhunter lived almost continuously within the limits of Perry Township for more than sixty years. He was a man of excellent judgment, and was very firm in the support of what he believed to be right and proper. He was much used as a juryman, having served on the jury very soon after the organization of Fayette County. He lived to the age of ninety years, and died in the year 1867, much honored and respected, leaving behind the untarnished reputation of an honest man.

John P. Todhunter, the subject of this sketch, is the second son of Richard Todhunter, above mentioned. He was born in Fayette County, Ohio, in the year 1817; in the year 1837, he married Martha J. Binegar, the daughter of George and Mary Binegar. His wife, Martha J., was born in 1820; she died in the year 1874, at the age of fifty-four years. She was an exemplary woman, faithfully sharing with her husband in the toils and vicissitudes incident to starting in life on a wooded farm of eighty acres, with but fifteen acres cleared, and commencing in a log cabin with the following outfit: one horse, one cow, two beds, one skillet and lid, one oven and pot, two or three tin cups and a reflector for baking bread. With the above outfit, Mr. Todhunter went to clearing land and improving his farm, and by industry and economy he was enabled to make occasional additions to his farm, until he became the owner of four hundred and fifty acres of well-improved land, with the modern conveniences as to dwelling houses, barns, etc.

Mr. Todhunter and his wife were blessed with seven children: James E., who was a soldier in the late war, having enlisted in the Seventy-fourth Regiment of Infantry, was in the service for two years, and was discharged on acc unt of ill-health, having fought bravely in defense of his country; Margaret A., Alfred R., Mary E., Alonzo N., Alwilda C. (deceased), and Charles C. Mrs. Todhunter was a member of Cochran's Methodist Episcopal Church, and a faithful, earnest Christian.

In the year 1879, Mr. Todhunter was married to Mrs. Mary Zimmerman, the widow of Eli Zimmerman. They are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has been a church member for twenty-five years, and a member of Wilstach Lodge No. 368, I. O. O. F., for thirty years, and has occupied all the important offices in the lodge. He served twelve consecutive years as Township Trustee, and has discharged every duty conferred on him, official or otherwise, with promptness and fidelity. In his declining years, Mr. Todhunter enjoys the satisfaction of seeing his children all comfortably situated in life, and commanding the respect of the community as honest, enterprising citizens.

JOHN JONES, retired merchant and capitalist, was for many years one of the leading business men of this, his native county, and is still closely identified with its interest as the proprietor of a fine farm, and as Bank Director, etc. The village of London, which is his birthplace, is still his home, and he has a fine brick residence on North Main Street, with extensive and beautiful grounds, adorned by shade and fruit trees.

Our subject was born October 31, 1818, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Droke) Jones, who were natives of Tennessee, descendants from the

early settlers of the old Volunteer State, and they were there reared and married. His father was a blacksmith, and he was a pioneer in that trade in this village, whither he came in the fall of 1814. He rose to prominence in the business and public life of this section of Madison County, was known far and near, was a general favorite, and was familiarly known as "Dad Jones." He sold goods often as an auctioneer, and he owned three hundred acres of farm lands near the village. In politics, he was a sturdy Jackson man. He had a family of eleven children, of whom four are living: Mrs. Sarah Lotspeich, John, Mrs. Margaret Sidner, and Mrs. Lydia Sidner. The first that died was Mary E., and the others deceased are Job, Isaac, Mrs. Evans, William, Martha J., Mrs. Rachel Clark, and James. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Solomon and Lydia (Sill) Jones, who were natives respectively of Wales and Tennessee. They came here with the father of our subject, and remained here until death. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Peter and Margaret (Foust) Droke, who were lifelong residents of Tennessee, where Mr. Droke was engaged as a farmer. They were married in 1786.

John Jones, who forms the principal subject of this biography, was educated in the village schools of London, and early gained an insight into the mercantile business, as a clerk in a store. He remained at home with his parents until his marriage, February 27, 1842, and then he and his bride went to keeping house half a mile from London, and he devoted himself to cultivating a tract of land. The same fall, the newly-elected County Sheriff, William Warner, for whom he had formerly clerked three years, came to him, and said: "To-morrow I want you to move into the county jail." He did so, and for four years he was Deputy Sheriff. So well did he fill that office, that he was then elected Sheriff of the county, and served in that capacity one term of two years. After that, he assisted in the Deputy Sheriff's office. He was elected Justice, and held that position twelve years, with great credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. He has been variously engaged in the commercial world as a dry-goods dealer, a grocer, and a dealer in furniture; he has also handled harness and saddles, and has conducted the livery business, having had different partners in each new venture, and for two years he dealt in stock. In 1873, he retired from business, selling his interest to his sons, who are now conducting a fine wholesale and retail grocery in London, and have the reputation of being one of the best firms in the county. When in active business, our subject displayed marked enterprise, and his management of his interests was characterized by superior business methods, by unerring judgment, and a sound policy in money matters. He accumulated wealth, and besides a fine farm in the country, has a valuable estate in the city, upon which he resides, the grounds around his dwelling comprising ten acres of land, planted with fine fruit and shade trees. Mr. Jones is connected with the finances of the county as one of the organizers of the Central Bank of London, and as one of its Directors. In politics, he is a loyal Republican. He cast his first Presidential vote for Gen. William H. Harrison. In his social relations, he has long been an Odd Fellow, he being the only surviving charter member of the lodge that was organized in this city in 1846.

Mr. Jones' wife's maiden name was Jane Melvin, and she was born in Madison County, four miles east of London, in what is called the Lower Glade, February 2, 1819, a daughter of John and Sarah (Inger) Melvin. Her parents were natives respectively of Virginia and Tennessee, and were married in the latter State. Her father, who was a farmer, came to Ohio with his father's family, and they were among the early settlers of Union Township, this county, where they lived and died. The parents of Mr. Melvin were Joseph and Phebe (Van Vacter) Melvin. They had a family of eight children. Mrs. Jones's father and mother had ten children, of whom she, her brother Benjamin, and her sister Phebe (Mrs. Isaac Jones), are the only survivors. Mrs. Jones is a lady whose many womanly attributes place her high in the estimation of all who know her. She has been a Methodist since childhood, has taken an active part in church matters, and belongs to the Woman's Christian Aid Society. Her pleasant wedded life with our subject has brought to them six children, of whom

these two are deceased: Mary E., who married Alverd Stutson, and died, leaving one child, Harry, who married Jesse Allen, and they have one child, Donald. Lucien, who was a merchant in London at the time of his death, married Alice Kennie, and left three children: Kennie, Nora, and Lucien. The living children of Mr. and Mrs. Jones are Frank, a merchant in London, who married Lizzie H. Koogler, and has one daughter, Nina K.; Dollie R., who married V. H. Wilson, a stock-dealer, and has two children, Mabel and Helen; Horace G., a merchant in London, who married Elizabeth Houston; and Emma, who married H. F. Chandler, a clerk in a book-store in London.

WARNER TAYLOR. We have here one of the most progressive farmers in Darby Township, Pickaway County, and a good, shrewd business man, whose popularity is unquestioned in the community. He is a member of a family which settled here in a very early day, and he was born here April 17, 1841. His father, Warner T. Taylor, was born in West Virginia in 1809, and was a farmer and stock-dealer. His marriage in West Virginia was soon followed by his migration to Ohio in 1830, and the journey was taken with horse and wagon. He located in the northern part of this township, on the Possum Run, on the farm which is now owned by Kinzie Gill. He rented this property for a while, but later purchased a portion of it.

The father of our subject had but scanty means when he came to this county, and he located here in a wilderness, living in a log house with clapboard roof, which was held on by "weight poles." After developing his farm, he pushed ahead and bought more property, and at one time owned two thousand acres, being very successful until he learned by experience the folly of going security for neighbors, in consequence of which he lost considerable of his property. At that time, he was dealing largely in fat stock, buying, feeding and shipping, and used to drive stock through to the Eastern markets. For fifteen years he herded cattle in Illinois and Indiana, and drove them to the Eastern markets, and made much money in this way. He was a very energetic man, and was pushing and persevering in his business methods, being also an excellent manager.

Warner T. Taylor, the father of our subject, died in January, 1882, leaving behind him a fair reputation as a business man and a neighbor. He was a Republican, in politics, after the formation of that party, and had previously been a Whig, but he never cared to hold office. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Blackburn, was born in Virginia, June 5, 1815, and to her were born twelve children, all of whom are living except the eldest, who died at the age of thirty-five. Their names are Louis, Mary, William, Alfred, Warner, Anna V., Seymour G., Elmira, Eliza, Amanda, Laura and Charley, respectively. The mother is still living, and makes her home among the children, and she is an earnest and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Warner Taylor was born and reared on the farm where he now resides, and his education was gained in the district school, which was then run on the subscription plan. The first schoolhouse was a log building with large open fireplace, and the slab benches had pin legs, while the writing desk rested upon pegs which were inserted in the wall. At the age of twenty-four years, he was married, on the 22d of February, 1865, to Elizabeth Tanner, who was born near Derby, June 19, 1848. Their five children are Edward, Charley, Jennie, Frankie and Laura.

Mr. Taylor has four hundred and eighty-three acres of land here, most of which is improved, and it is all in one body, although some of it is in the hands of tenants. He carries on mixed farming, raising wheat and corn, and keeps from thirty to sixty head of cattle, and has large droves of hogs and sheep. During the winter season, he buys hogs, which he fattens and ships to the market.

Our subject and his wife began housekeeping in a log cabin, and later built an addition to it, but this old home was destroyed by fire in March, 1889. Upon it he had $1,000 insurance, but lost

considerable. The present home, which is a large frame house, was erected in 1889. He has done considerable tile draining and improving since he came here, and his farm and home are in a most creditable condition. His politics are in harmony with the doctrines of the Republican party, but he does not aspire to office. His family is most highly esteemed in the neighborhood.

JOSIAH HOPKINS, who resides in the eastern part of Union Township, Fayette County, is the son of Jeremiah Hopkins, a native of Pennsylvania, who was born in the year 1805. His father, Moses Hopkins, removed from Pennsylvania to Ross County, this State, about the year 1810, and was probably born in Pennsylvania. He was the son of a Revolutionary hero, who fought all through that period of contest.

Moses Hopkins was twice married. Of his first marriage ten children were born, while two children blessed his second union, Jeremiah being the eldest child of the first marriage. The father purchased land when he first came to this State, and became one of the earliest pioneers of Ross County, remaining in that section throughout the remainder of his life, and spending his last days in the village of Frankfort. The family traditions seem to say that he was a soldier in the War of 1812. In his early days he was without means, but by his enterprise and perseverance he acquired a handsome property.

Jeremiah Hopkins, the father of our subject, married Nancy, daughter of William Claypool, who was well known in Delaware County, Ohio, being one of the most prominent and prosperous farmers of that part of the State. The young man settled with his wife in Wayne Township, Fayette County, about the year 1827, and buying land there, began the cultivation of his land, and finally had over four hundred acres in his farm. Eleven of his thirteen children became men and women, and ten of these are still in life. They are Mary Jane, who is the wife of Cyrus Heylar, a farmer in Ross County; Sarah, who married Julius Bicknell, a farmer of Moultrie County, Ill.; Washington H., who lives in Vernon County, Mo., where he carries on a farm; our subject; David H., a farmer, who lives at Washington C. H.; Elijah, a retired farmer, who makes his home at the same place; Nancy, wife of Joseph Beatty, who has retired from active farming and makes his home at the county seat; Phœbe, who married A. C. Peterson, and lives in Ross County; Harriet, who is the wife of George Hamilton, a fruit-raiser in Florida; J. Frank, a business man at Washington C. H.; and Scott, who was a soldier in the Union army, and whose death resulted from disease contracted while in service.

Jeremiah Hopkins died May 3, 1875, and left behind him the memory of a useful and pious life. In his early days he had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in his later years was connected with the Wesleyan Methodist denomination. His home was ever an open house for the itinerant preacher and circuit rider of pioneer days, and many public meetings were held beneath his roof. He was first a Whig, and later a Republican, and he was ever outspoken in regard to his political convictions. His neighbors made him for a number of years one of the Trustees of the township.

The birth of our subject occurred in Wayne Township, Fayette County, October 7, 1832, and the district schools of that and Ross County furnished his education up to the time that he left home and went to Greenfield, where he had further advantages. He remained with his father until he was twenty-five years old, and in the year 1857, on the 24th of December, he took as his wife the daughter of one of the most prominent farmers of the county. This lady, Miss Sarah E. Rogers, was the daughter of David Rogers, an early settler.

After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins lived for two years on the father's farm, after which they went to Madison County and bought a small tract of land there, on which they lived for five years, at the expiration of which time they removed to the place which is now their home. Upon first coming here, Mr. Hopkins bought four hundred and thirty acres, and has added to his estate from

time to time, until he now has a splendid tract of eight hundred and fifty acres, which is as fine land as is to be seen in Fayette County.

The beautiful home of this family is a handsome edifice which was put up by our subject in 1868, and which is an ornament to the township. Four children have blessed this home, two sons and two daughters. Their eldest, Eva J., has married Jerome Penn, who makes his home at Washington C. H. and fills the office of Superintendent of the Gas Works, besides being Superintendent of the Electric Light. The son, Austin F., has engaged in the fruit business in California, making a specialty of orange culture. Scott, who lives at home with his father, is the next son, and the youngest child is Stella R., who is also under the parental roof.

He of whom we write is an intelligent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is prominent in Sunday-school work, being Superintendent of the Oak Chapel Sunday-school. He is a stanch worker in the temperance cause, and a strong advocate of Prohibition principles As a farmer, he is largely devoted to stock-raising, and has large herds and flocks of cattle, sheep, and horses. Throughout his life he has been a hard worker, and his success is commensurate with his efforts.

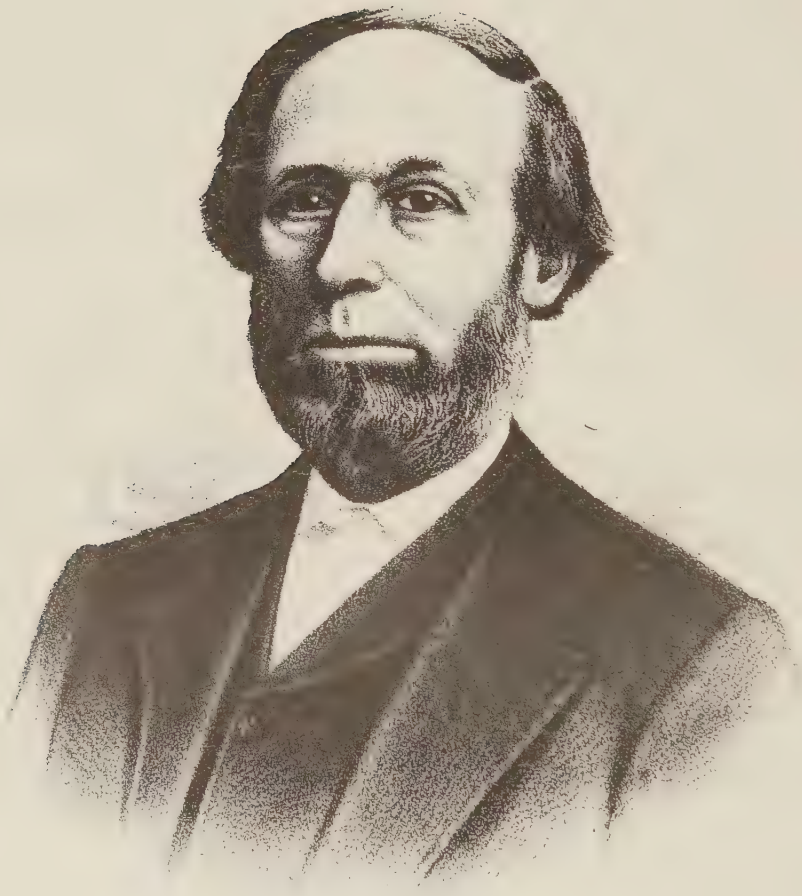
JOHN T. BURKE, the efficient Postmaster of Mt. Sterling, claims Virginia as the State of his nativity. He was born in Loudoun County, January 6, 1838, and is a son of James and Mary (Van Horn) Burke, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The mother died when our subject was about three weeks old. He remained in his native State with a half-sister, Mrs. Ann Ott, until eleven years of age, when the family emigrated to Fayette County, Ohio, settling near Bloomingburgh. Two years later, they removed to White Oak, in the same county, where Mr. Ott bought a farm, upon which our subject grew to manhood.

In the common schools, our subject acquired a good education and worked upon the farm until he had attained his majority. In his twenty-second year, he engaged in teaching, and was thus employed until the late war broke out. He immediately responded to the call for troops, but before he could be mustered in, the quota was filled. He then taught through the winter of 1861–62, and in June following joined Company K, Ninetieth Ohio Infantry, for three years' service. At the organization of the regiment, he was made Sergeant. The troops joined the Army of the Cumberland and participated in the battles of Perryville and Stone River. Mr. Burke was taken sick and was confined in the hospital for eight months. Being unfit for active service, he then did duty in the hospital as clerk and steward, receiving his discharge at the close of the war, in June, 1865.

On his return North, Mr. Burke attended the Holbrook Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, for two terms, after which he again resumed teaching, which profession he followed continuously for some years. At Madison Mills, he married Miss Margaret Bush, of Nobleville, Ind., who was born in Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio, but had removed to Indiana with her parents. After his marriage, Mr. Burke made his home in White Oak, being employed as a teacher in one district for five years, after which he had charge of the grammar department in the schools of Mt. Sterling for four years. He next embarked in the grocery business, which he continued for three years, but it proved a losing investment and he sold out. He then engaged in clerking for about eighteen months, after which he was appointed Postmaster.

Mr. Burke has been a stanch Republican since he cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. While at Madison Mills, he served as Township Clerk, first by appointment, and then was three times elected. For seven years he has served as a member of the School Board, and during all that period has been Clerk. In April, 1889, he was appointed Postmaster by President Harrison, and in his administration of the affairs of the office has given universal satisfaction.

Mr. Burke was called upon to mourn the loss of



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his wife in 1889, her death occurring on the 7th of December. She left five children: Willard J., born at White Oak, January 13, 1874, who will graduate from the High School at Mt. Sterling in 1893; Nellis May, born May 18, 1876; J. Earl, February 21, 1880; Bright E., in June, 1883; and Harry, January 23, 1887. Mr. Burke in early life joined the Christian Church and has since been one of its faithful members. His wife held membership with the same church. He served as Sunday-school Superintendent for several years, and has always taken an active part in its work. Socially, he is a member of the Odd Fellows' Society, and is also a charter member of J. C. Bostwick Post No. 406, G. A. R.

GEORGE GREENFIELD, one of Pickaway County's most worthy citizens, and formerly Trustee of Harrison Township, was born in Adversane, England, on the 7th of June, 1829, and died on the 7th of January, 1891, aged sixty-three years, seven months and two days.

Thomas and Ann Greenfield, the parents of our subject, were natives of England, and there George was reared and educated. He was early taught the duties of farm life and in subsequent years, when starting out for himself, it was but natural perhaps that he should turn to agricultural pursuits as his chosen occupation. Early in the '50s, led by the promises of the Western prairies of this country, he decided to settle in the "land of the free," and after crossing the ocean came immediately to Pickaway County, Ohio. He resided in Ashville for some time, but in the spring of 1879 settled on the farm where he remained until his death and where his widow still resides.

On the 11th of April, 1868, Mr. Greenfield married Miss Elizabeth K. Cline, a native of Harrison Township, Pickaway County, born May 21, 1842, and the daughter of Philip and Maria (Crum) Cline. The fruits of this union were eight children, two of whom are now living: Sarah and Virginia. While a resident of Pickaway County, our subject enjoyed the reputation of being a substantial and progressive farmer, and was also considered an intelligent and thoroughly posted man on all the current topics of the day. Although his educational advantages had been limited in youth, he was a great reader and was mainly self-educated. He served as School Director for nineteen years and was always interested in educational matters. He was also Trustee of Harrison Township for some time. In politics, he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and a stanch advocate of the principles of that party. In his official capacity he faithfully conducted the public affairs to the best interests of those he represented, and to all enterprises of a worthy nature gave his hearty support. The true value of such individuals is not realized fully until they are gone. Personally, Mr. Greenfield was the most popular of men. His amiable disposition and courteous manner endeared him to all who were so fortunate as to enter the wide circle of his friendship. His last testimony was that all was well with him. He was baptized in infancy and was a member of the old State Church of England at his death. He left an estate of two hundred acres, which he had accumulated by industry, economy, and superior management. His widow and two surviving daughters reside on this fine farm, where they have a comfortable home. They are members of the United Brethren Church, and are esteemed members of society, their refinement and culture endearing them to their associates and acquaintances.

A portrait of the late Mr. Greenfield appears in this connection.

A SCOTT ALKIRE. The visitor to the village of Mt. Sterling is accustomed to notice with especial interest and admiration the beautiful residence owned and occupied by Mr. Alkire. Erected in 1890, it is of a modern style of architecture, commodious and tastefully furnished, and conceded to be one of the most elegant homes in the village.

Born in Pleasant Township, Madison County,

Ohio, October 7, 1861, our subject is the son of A. R. and Mary J. (Tanner) Alkire, natives respectively of Madison and Pickaway Counties. A complete account of the family history will be found in the biography of A. R. Alkire, in another portion of this volume. The boyhood days of our subject were passed on the old homestead, which is pleasantly situated in the suburbs of Mt. Sterling, and there, under the careful training of his estimable parents, he grew to a vigorous manhood.

The early education of our subject was gained in the schools of Mt. Sterling, and at the age of twenty he entered the college at Merom, Ind., where he commenced a thorough course of study, but, on account of ill health, was compelled to cease his work and return home. He has continued to live on the farm, a part of which lies within the village limits, while the remainder adjoins the village. Upon the division of the estate, one hundred and nineteen acres became the property of A. Scott, beside three hundred acres in other places, mostly in Pickaway County. As the possessor of a large amount of land and the manager of important real-estate interests, he finds his time closely occupied.

December 17, 1884, Mr. Alkire was married to Miss Flora A. Beale, who was born in Pleasant Township, Madison County, Ohio, November 3, 1864, but at the time of her marriage resided in Madison Township, Fayette County. She is a lady of great refinement and superior education, having been a student in the college at Delaware, Ohio, and availing herself of her advantages to the utmost. Their pleasant home is brightened by the presence of three children: Coral, who was born September 22, 1885; A. Ross, November 20, 1889; and Mary, September 14, 1891.

The Republican party finds a stanch supporter in Mr. Alkire, who cast his first Presidential vote for James G. Blaine in 1884, and since that time has continued to work for the interests of the party. However, he is by no means a politician, and has never sought office or the emoluments of public position. His efficient service as a member of the Village Council and the School Board has won the commendation of his fellow-citizens, and prove the possession of excellent judgment and an unusual degree of tact. He is a member of the Mystic Circle, socially, and the Knights of Pythias, in which he is serving as Master of Exchequer.

JOHN E. ARNOLD is an exceedingly shrewd financier, and is prominent in business circles in Madison County as a dealer in real estate and as a fire insurance and loan agent, with his residence and office in London, the former, one of the most attractive in the city, being situated on East First Street. Miami is the native county of our subject, and he was born in 1839. James and Melinda (Mullen) Arnold were his parents, and they were both born in early pioneer homes of Ohio, the former in 1798, and the latter in 1803.

The father commenced farming in Montgomery County, and later removed to Miami County, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was a good farmer, and was known far and near as one of the prominent men of his township, whose honesty and rectitude in all things were unquestioned. He was the champion hunter of his county ; always carried an Indian hatchet in his belt, and with that, or with his unerring rifle, he brought down many a deer and bear, to say nothing of lesser game. In politics, he, like his father, was a Democrat to the end. The latter, Jacob Arnold, came from Germany, and first settled in the Eastern States, but in the latter part of the seventeenth century he came to Ohio, and was one of the earliest pioneers of Montgomery County, where he devoted himself to farming, living there until his earthly pilgrimage ceased. He was the father of nine children.

Our subject and his brother Philip are the sole survivors of a family of six children. He of whom we write attended school in Bethel Township during his boyhood, and on his father's farm in his native county grew to a vigorous, self-reliant manhood. He remained in the old home until 1861, and was busily engaged in agricultural pursuits when the war broke out. In a few months he laid aside his work to join the brave boys in

blue at the front, anxious to strike a blow in defense of the Stars and Stripes, enlisting December 5, 1861, in Company C, Seventy-first Ohio Infantry. He did valiant service some eight months, but the hardships and exposure to which he was subjected in the long and weary marches, in camp and on the battlefield, told on his constitution, and he became so sick that he was ordered to the hospital at Clarksville, where he was subsequently discharged on account of his physical condition, which would not admit of further service as a soldier. He had done his share of fighting whenever the regiment had met the enemy, and at the Battle of Shiloh he was on duty from the start to the finish, displaying true bravery and genuine fortitude in the face of the greatest dangers, when his life was in imminent peril.

Our subject returned home from his experience of military life with his health much impaired, and he has never been as strong and well since. As soon as he was able, he tried farming, with which his early life had familiarized him, and he worked at it three years in his native county. He was then obliged to abandon it, as it was too laborious, and he spent the ensuing year in Nebraska. Returning to Ohio, he took a position in Dayton, in the nursery business and to sell trees. He followed that two years, and still continues to sell trees, but has not done so as extensively for the past eight years, as he has had other business to attend to. He accepted a situation as commercial traveler for the London Manufacturing Company, and was with that firm two years. After that he was in the employ of the Wildman Mince Meat and Baking Powder Manufacturing Company, of London, for a like term of years. At the end of that time, he established himself in his present business, and is one of our most enterprising and trustworthy real-estate men, who has done much to enliven business and promote the growth of the village. He is well thought of by the entire community, as he is known to be a man of good principles and correct habits, and is social and friendly in his relations with all about him. He has been entrusted with various township offices, and his public spirit has been evinced on many occasions. He seems to have inherited at least part of his political creed from his father and grandfather, and is a member of the Democratic party of to-day. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and takes a great interest in the organization.

Our subject has been twice married. His first wife, who died in 1873, was Sarah J. Kellogg, of Fort Wayne, Ind. By that marriage two children were born: Emma and Charles H. The present wife of our subject was formerly Miss Mary E. Watrous, and she is a native of this county.

WILLIAM FORESMAN & BRO., manufacturers of flour, meal, feed and dealers in grain and coal, at Circleville, Ohio. When a new settlement is started, about one of the most important things to do is to establish a flour mill; people must have bread, and wheat is easily raised. Among those who early became engaged in the milling business was the firm of William Foresman & Bro., the individual members of the firm being William and G. P. Foresman, gentlemen who bring into requisition the amplest financial and business faculties and ability for the highest efficiency in the departments engaging their attention. These flouring mills were established about forty years ago by R. A. Foresman, who was succeeded in 1869 by the present owners, who have since that time entirely refitted and refurnished the building with the new roller-process machinery and best-known purifiers and other machinery for the prompt and efficient execution of the best class of work. The mill is located about one and a quarter miles from this city and is connected with the C. M. & V. R. R. by special line or switch, known as the Willow Bend Railroad, thus securing the amplest shipping facilities to all sections of the Union. The mill is propelled by water power derived from Darby Creek, and by the celebrated Victor Turbine water wheel, and employment is usually given to a force of seven workmen and experienced millers, while the mill has a capacity of one hundred and fifty barrels of choicest family and bakers' flour per day. The principal brands

for which this mill is noted find a ready sale and hold the highest standard value in all markets into which they have been introduced. This firm also controls a large warehouse and elevator in this city, with a storage capacity of fifteen thousand bushels of wheat. Their handling and shipping facilities justify their claim to pay the highest market price for grain at all times. In addition to the grain consumed at the mill, they ship large quantities each season to our chief grain markets. They also deal in the best grades of hard and soft coal and can supply this article in lump or nut, or for steam or domestic uses, by the car load or ton at lowest standard rates. Both members of this firm are natives of LaFayette, Ind., but have for many years been residents of Circleville and promoters of its general interests. Mr. William Foresman was for four years Postmaster of this city, during Gen. Grant's administration.

Their father, Hon. Phillip Foresman, was born in Circleville, on the present site of Foresman's Mill, as it is called. The grandfather, William Foresman, was a Virginian, and was but a boy when he came with his parents to Wayne Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and settled on Government land in this new country. He followed in the footsteps of his father and became a large and well-to-do farmer, owning five hundred and twenty acres where the mill is now located. He was interested in securing the Ohio and Erie Canal and gave the right of way through his farm. In early days, he built a mill and operated it, and was a successful man in every sense of the word. His son, R. A. Foresman, took charge of the mill in 1849, and operated it until 1869, when the subjects of this sketch purchased it. The grandfather was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and died when about ninety years of age. The Foresman family are of Scotch-Irish descent, William Foresman's parents coming from the North of Ireland. William was the father of five children, the Hon. Phillip Foresman being the second eldest. The latter was reared near Circleville, and learned the miller's trade. In fact, all the Foresmans learned the milling business. He was married here and soon after removed to La Fayette, Ind., where he purchased quite a large tract of land. He also built two mills in La Fayette, the first and largest mill built there, and carried on the grain and milling business for many years. In connection he also carried on farming, and was the owner of over two sections of land. He was a very prominent Whig in politics, and served two terms in the Indiana State Legislature. He died about 1847, when forty-five years of age. He was one of the most thrifty and enterprising citizens, and, although he commenced with scarcely any means, at the time of his death he was one of the wealthiest men of the county. He was a Presbyterian in his religious views. He married Miss Elizabeth Bennett, a native of Deer Creek Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and the daughter of George and Margaret Bennett, of Virginia, early settlers of Deer Creek Township, where they engaged in farming and stock-raising, becoming quite wealthy. Mrs. Foresman, after her husband's death, came back to Circleville and reared her family. She now lives with our subject on Scioto Street. The three children are as follows: Bennett resides at La Fayette, Ind., and is a farmer and stock-raiser; William, and George P.

William Foresman was born in La Fayette, Ind., in October, 1847, and came to Circleville with his mother after his father's death. Here he passed his boyhood and youth, and here he received his education, graduating at Cincinnati Commercial College. Afterward, he returned to La Fayette, Ind., and followed farming there until 1869, when he returned to Circleville, and, with his brother George P., purchased their present property, since which time they have continued business together. Their mills have a location at the junction of three thoroughfares west of the river. They manufacture three brands, two of which are "Little Addie" and "Edison Light." In connection, they own and operate the farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land adjoining the mill, and are extensive cattle feeders. Their home residence is on the corner of Scioto and Mound Streets, at Circleville. William is Treasurer of the Pickaway County Agricultural Association, and both are stockholders in the Fair Grounds. He is a Director of the Second National Bank, and was Postmaster for four years during Gen. Grant's administration. He was married to Miss Mary Millar,

daughter of Adam Millar, who was a large farmer and stockman, and a great breeder of thoroughbred horses, at Bloomfield, Ohio. She was born there and died in Circleville, leaving a son, Addie Foresman, who is the owner of six hundred and forty acres of land, the old Adam Millar farm near South Bloomfield, one of the finest farms in the county. William Foresman was formerly a Republican, but now affiliates with the Democratic party.

George P. Foresman was born in La Fayette, Ind., on the 11th of June, 1845, and remained there until two years of age, when he came with his mother to Circleville. He attended the High School here until 1863, when he entered the Wesleyan University at Delaware and continued his studies there for about two years. He then returned home and engaged in buying and shipping grain from Circleville for a few months, after which he entered the employ of his uncle, R. A. Foresman, and continued with him, off and on, until he and his brother bought the mill. Since then, they have conducted the business successfully, and are the largest grain dealers in the city. George P. was an organizer of the Pickaway County Agricultural Association, and is a stockholder in the Fair Grounds. Socially, he is a Knight of Pythias, and, in politics, a Democrat. Both the brothers are very liberal and public-spirited. They gave $500 to the building of the Scioto Valley Railroad, and are liberal contributors to all worthy enterprises.

HON. J. WHEELER LOWE, the present Mayor of Circleville, is, in addition to the duties connected with that responsible position, engaged in the practice of law. He is a gentleman of great literary talent, and corresponds with various papers and magazines throughout the country. Mr. Lowe was born in Ulster County, N. Y., September 24, 1836, and is the son of Jacob J. Lowe, also a native of that place, as was the grandfather, Jeremy Lowe. The latter-named gentleman was a tailor by trade, and during the War of 1812 joined its ranks as a soldier. He lived to the age of eighty years, and was greatly respected by all who knew him. The great-grandfather of our subject, Johannes Laugh, was born in Holland.

The father of our subject spelled his name Low. He was a man of education, and for forty years taught school in the vicinity of his birthplace. In 1840, he came West to Williamsport, Pickaway County, and engaged in his chosen vocation until his decease, which occurred in 1865. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Susanna De Groodt; she was born in New York, and was the daughter of John DeGroodt, a native of the Empire State and of French descent; she departed this life in Syracuse, Neb., in 1876.

The original of this sketch was the fourth youngest in a family of five sons and five daughters, three of whom are deceased. His oldest brother, Joseph W., fought in the Sixty-first Ohio Infantry from the beginning until the close of the late war, and died in Williamsport after returning home. Mr. Lowe, of this sketch, was four years of age when he was brought by his parents to this State, they making the journey up the Hudson to Albany, thence to Buffalo, to Cleveland and by canal to Circleville. He was reared to man's estate in Williamsport, attending the common schools until reaching his nineteenth year. He then returned to New York State and became a student at Fowler's Law School at Poughkeepsie until 1859, when he came again to the Buckeye State and continued reading law under Col. B. Mason.

Mr. Lowe was admitted to the Bar in 1866 by the Supreme Court of Ohio, at which time he began practicing the profession which he is so successfully engaged in at the present time. Soon after launching out in business for himself, he formed a partnership with a Mr. Sage, which connection lasted for two years. He then conducted his practice alone until 1870, when he took in as partner a Mr. Welton, of New York, the firm name being Lowe & Welton. They carried on a successful and growing practice for two years, since which time our subject has managed his own affairs. He stands at the head of his profession.

In 1884, he of whom we write was elected Mayor of Circleville for a term of two years. So well and faithfully did he perform all the duties connected with that responsible office that he was re-elected in 1886 for the following term. In 1888, he was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Bolin, whose decease occurred nine months previous to the expiration of his term. Our subject was again, in 1890, made the incumbent of that office, to which he devotes considerable time and attention. He has shown himself capable of close application to the duties which lie before him, and his judicious decisions and wise course when bringing about any worthy object are well known to those who are acquainted with he history of this county.

In 1865, Mayor Lowe took a Western trip, visiting Nebraska, Colorado, and many other States, and in 1888 spent a month in New York. He was married in Williamsport, in 1861, to Miss Jennie Sweetman, who was born in Perry County in 1836. To them have been granted a family of three children, namely: John W., May and Charles. In his political relations, Mayor Lowe is strongly Democratic, and bears the good-will of the entire community where he is so widely known.

JOHN D. VAUSE. For many years this highly honored pioneer of Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, has been identified with the interests of this county, and ranks as a noticeable illustration of that indomitable push and energy which characterize men of will and determination. He was born in Clarke County, Ohio, on the 10th of March, 1818, and his parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (Decker) Vause, were natives of the Old Dominion, both born in Hampshire County, of that State. Grandfather William Vause was a native of England, and was either a Captain or a Colonel in the American army during the Revolutionary War.

Thomas Vause, father of our subject, emigrated to Ohio early in the present century, about 1817, and settled in Clarke County, where he made his home until 1823. Then, with his family, he moved to Hamilton Township, Franklin County, where he was among the pioneers, and settled in a rude log cabin, later building a good frame house, where he passed his last days, his death occurring in 1852. His worthy wife also passed away that year. Thomas Vause had served as Captain in the militia of Clarke County when Indians were making trouble, and he was always active in enterprises that had for their object the progress and development of the county. To his marriage were born a number of children, but only two besides our subject are now living: James I. and Thomas B.

The original of this notice passed his early days in Ohio, amid scenes of pioneer life, and it may truly be said of him:

"He chopped, he logged, he cleared his lot,
And into many a dismal spot
He let the light of day."

He attended school in the primitive log cabin, plastered with clay, and with an enormous fireplace in one end. He swung his youthful legs from slab seats, and his writing desk was a board resting on pegs driven into the wall. The window lights were merely greased paper, and in this rude place he was taught the three R's. After leaving school he followed the occupation to which he had been reared, farming, and this he has continued to follow up to the present time.

On the 14th of September, 1847, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E Perrill, a native of Madison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, born on the 1st of January, 1822, and the daughter of Nathan and Christina (Stump) Perrill, both natives of Virginia. In 1816, her parents emigrated to the Buckeye State and settled in Pickaway County, where they were among the pioneers. They experienced all the privations incident to the early settlers of a region, but they came to this State with the intention of staying, and here they remained, becoming prominent and successful in their chosen occupation. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Perrill, only one besides Mrs. Vause is now living, Mrs. Catherine A. Moore, a widow.

The children who have blessed the union of Mr.

and Mrs. Vause are named as follows: Mrs. Thomas Rathmell, Mrs. Seymour Van Metter, Mary, Nathan, Baldwin, Thomas W. (deceased), Mrs. Dr. Henry Blake and Annie L. For five years after his marriage, our subject resided on rented land in Harrison Township, Pickaway County, and then purchased the fine farm on which he is now living. He resided in a rude log house from 1853 until 1869, when he built his fine brick residence, which is at once a monument to and a reward of patient continuance in well-doing, hard toil and sober living. He owns three hundred and eleven acres of land, and is a self-made man in every sense of that much-abused term, for all of his property is the result of industry and economy on the part of himself and wife. While not a church member, he contributes liberally to the different denominations, and is prominently identified with all enterprises worthy of notice. He is a Republican in politics, and held the position of Trustee of Harrison Township, Pickaway County, for some time, discharging the duties of the same in a very creditable manner.

He and his estimable wife are among the representative pioneers of the State, and are held in high esteem in the community in which they reside. They are hospitable and social and all find a warm welcome in their pleasant home.

POPE GREGG, one of the prominent lawyers of Jeffersonville, Fayette County, is a native-born citizen of this county, having had his birth on the 3d of July, 1862. He is a son of John F. Gregg, who is also a native of Ohio. Our subject was reared to farm pursuits and attended the public schools. He spent some time at Buchtel College, at Akron, Ohio, taking a special course, and at the age of twenty-three years began the study of law with his brother, Judge Ace Gregg, of Washington C. H.

He of whom we write was admitted to the Bar in the fall of 1886, and began the practice of his profession in Jeffersonville, at which place he has since resided and has built for himself an extensive and profitable practice in Fayette, Madison and Greene Counties. He is a bright and thriving lawyer and understands his profession thoroughly. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Indepedent Order of Odd Fellows and the Encampment.

Mr. Gregg besides his legal business is also interested to some extent in agriculture, having charge of his father's estate, a nice tract of land consisting of one hundred and ninety-five acres in this county.

DAVID MOCK. Jefferson Township, Fayette County, has its full quota of vigorous, enterprising, thorough-going business men, whose popularity is based upon their well-known integrity and progressiveness. None among these is better liked by those who have dealings with them than is he of whom we now write. He is the proprietor of a fine estate, including one hundred and fifty-three acres, which bears all the improvements which stamp it as a first-class farm. Mr. Mock is practically retired from active life, and rents his farm to a tenant.

He of whom we write was born in Fayette County, April 15, 1841, and is a son of Daniel Mock, a prominent resident of this section. Our subject was reared to man's estate in this county, receiving his education in the common schools of his district, where he acquired a sufficient knowledge to give him an impetus to go on by himself. He aided his father in the cultivation of a home farm until the outbreak of the late war, when, in 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Ninetieth Ohio Infantry, and served his country faithfully until the close of hostilities, being mustered out as Corporal. He participated in the battles of Perryville, Nashville, Franklin, Chickamauga, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Kenesaw Mountain, and numerous skirmishes. He passed through all the hardships and privations of a soldier's life during his three years of service, and after being discharged returned home and engaged in the peaceful pursuits of farm life.

Mr. Mock purchased a farm in 1867, upon which he removed and made it his home ten years. He then became the proprietor of another tract on the Pike, and which is his present abiding-place. In 1883, he erected thereon a comfortable frame house which is presided over by his estimable wife. While superintending the cultivation of his farm, in addition to raising cereals he bred fine grades of cattle and swine which he shipped to the city markets, and for a number of years was extensively engaged in buying and selling stock. As before stated, Mr. Mock is now retired from active work on his estate, and rents his property.

In 1867, Miss Asenath McKillip became the wife of our subject. Mrs. Mock is a very intelligent lady and noted housekeeper, and is the daughter of Talley McKillip. The original of this sketch is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is recognized by all his fellow-townsmen as a most estimable gentleman.

ISHAM A. JONES, who is known in political circles as one of the leaders of the Democracy in this section, is likewise prominent as a farmer, having valuable farming interests and a beautiful home in Jackson Township. He is a native of Logan County, Ill., and was born August 27, 1851. Stephen A. Jones, his father, was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and was reared to the life of a farmer in his native State. He settled in Logan County at an early day, and soon became thoroughly identified with the most active and enterprising pioneers of that section of Illinois. His life began in poverty, but by diligence, careful management and shrewd investment of his money after he had obtained a start, he accumulated wealth. He had served in the War of 1812 as Captain of a company, and subsequently engaged extensively in buying and selling land, purchasing many land warrants that had been given to soldiers of the War of 1812. His son now has several of these warrants for land in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

The father was of strong natural ability, and his death at the age of sixty-eight, November 3, 1855, was a serious blow to the county where he had lived and labored so long, and where he left an estate of between six hundred and eight hundred acres. He was of the Methodist persuasion in religion, and in politics was a Democrat. He married Airy Adna Wear, who was of Scotch descent, and had been previously married to a Mr. Ham, by whom she had one child, Jason. She died at the age of forty-eight years. She was a faithful and conscientious Christian, and a Methodist in her religious belief.

Our subject is the only child of his mother's second union. He was three years old when his father died, and four years of age when he was bereft of a mother's care by her untimely death. Thus sadly left an orphan, he was cared for by his half-brother until he was thirteen years old, passing his boyhood on a farm and in attendance at the local district school. His brother then died, and after that our subject lived with a nephew, James B. Dunham, until he was twenty-one years old, when he began life for himself as a farmer. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits until he was twenty-eight years of age. His next venture was to open a hardware store at Waynesville, De Witt County, Ill., which he conducted the ensuing seven years. At the expiration of that time, he resumed farming, and owned a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Barnard Township, De Witt County.

In the year mentioned, Mr. Jones came to Ohio to take up his residence in Jackson Township, his wife having fallen heir to four hundred acres of ex-Gov. McArthur's estate, which had been in litigation for two or three generations, and finally had been settled by the United States Supreme Court. Our subject has control of four hundred and twenty acres here, besides owning ninety-seven acres in Clarke County and some land in Union County. He rents some of the land, and farms the remainder, devoting it to mixed husbandry, raising grain and other produce, and a fine class of stock. His farm is well conducted after the most approved modern methods and in a methodical manner, and its appointments are of the best, including a handsome residence, one of the largest and finest in Jackson Township, a view of which may be found elsewhere in this volume.

"LONE ELM FARM." RESIDENCE OF I. A. JONES, JACKSON TP., PICKAWAY CO., OHIO.

Mr. Jones was united in marriage with Miss Effie McArthur, December 12, 1873. Three children have been born unto them, whom they have named Flora T., Susie Van B. and Stephen A., respectively. Mrs. Jones is a native of this county, born September 22, 1844, and is a daughter of Allen C. and Olive (Whitney) McArthur. Her father was born on old Fruit Hill, in Ross County, while her mother was a native of New York State. The father was a surveyor and a farmer by occupation, and surveyed the Marion & Circleville Railway. He died at the age of fifty-four, and his wife when past sixty years of age. They reared five of their eight children: Adora, Effie, Flora T., Susan N. and Allan C. Mrs. Jones' paternal grandfather was Gen. Duncan McArthur, who was originally a farmer, also served as an officer in the regular army, and was Governor of Ohio in the early history of the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones stand high socially, and religiously are inclined to the Presbyterian faith. He is a man of large public spirit, and in him the Democratic party of this section of Ohio finds one of its most efficient workers. He has been a member of the County Central Committee two terms, and has been State Delegate to several conventions.

NORMAN McLEAN. The subject of this sketch is at present residing on his fine tract of land in Union Township, Fayette County. He was the son of Joseph McLean, who was born in this county in 1803. The latter-named gentleman was the son of Duncan and Elizabeth McLean, who emigrated from Pennsylvania in an early day and first located in Ross County, this State, where the grandfather died a year later. They were the parents of four children, those besides the father of our subject being Mary, who became the wife of Norman Jones Stogdal, who died in early manhood, and Daniel, who afterward became the famous Judge McLean.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Duncan McLean was again married, and removed in 1810 with her family to Fayette County, locating on Sugar Creek, Union Township. There Mr. Waddle, her husband, entered a tract of land and continued to reside upon it until 1812, when they removed to Washington C. H. It was there that the father of our subject was educated. When eighteen years of age, he went to Ross County and served an apprenticeship at the cabinet-maker's trade. After attaining his majority, he returned to the above-named city and worked at his trade for about eight years. He then located upon the farm, which is the property of our subject, and there he continued to make his home until his death, April 15, 1887.

Joseph McLean was married in 1829 to Miss Lucinda Shobe, who had been orphaned by the death of her father when quite young. The Shobe family hail from Virginia, and on removing to this State were among the early settlers of Ross County. To them were born a family of eight children, four of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and of whom only three are living, viz.: Mary E., Mrs. George A. Jenkins; Margaret, who resides with our subject; and Norman. In politics, the father of our subject was a Whig, but on the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks, in which he was an active worker. He was very prominent in township affairs and served efficiently as Trustee of Union Township for many years. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the County Infirmary, and in church matters was an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal faith.

The original of this sketch was born September 26, 1843, on the farm where he is at present residing. His limited education was received in the district schools, and, when old enough to be of service to his father, he worked on the home farm. During the Civil War, he participated in the Morgan raid through the southern portion of the State. November 15, 1866, Miss Lucinda, daughter of James W. and Amelia Garlinger, became the wife of our subject. Her father was one of the prominent farmers of the county and resides in Union Township.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McLean: James, who resides at home; Ora M., who is the wife of John P. Merriweather, a

carpenter, resides in Jasper Township, Fayette County; Early, engaged in teaching school in Union Township, this county; Robert, Fanny, Walter and Howard, who reside at home with their parents. Mary died when two years old.

He of whom we write owns a fine one hundred and eighty-acre farm, upon which he has placed the best of improvements, believing that the best methods always bring in the largest returns. He does a general farming and stock-raising business, giving especial attention to the raising of grain and broom corn. With his estimable wife, he is connected with the Methodist Protestant Church, in the Sunday-school of which denomination they are active workers. Mr. McLean has been the incumbent of the position of School Director in his district, and at the present time is president of the Board. The family are highly esteemed in this locality, where Mr. McLean is regarded as an upright man and good citizen.

MARTIN ROWE is at present residing on a fine tract of land in Concord Township, Fayette County, of which he is the owner. He was born January 8, 1813, in Greene Township, and is the son of John and Frances (Anderson) Rowe, natives of Virginia. The father was a patriot in the War of 1812, and was the son of Jesse Rowe, also a native of the Dominion, and a soldier in the Revolutionary army.

The parents of our subject came to this State in 1807, and located on Wabash Creek, near Bowenville, where they made their home for two years. Then they came to Fayette County, where they were among the earliest pioneers. The father entered a farm in the wilderness and set himself industriously about its improvement. Wild animals were plentiful in that early day, and thus the family were always supplied with choice meats, although they were denied many of the necessities in other directions. The elder Mr. Rowe died in 1865, in his eighty-third year, having been preceded to the better land by his wife, who passed away in 1828. He was twice married, having by the first union four sons and one daughter, only two of whom are living, and by the second, four sons and two daughters. He was prominent in township affairs and voted the Democratic ticket.

Martin Roe was reared on the old home farm, and remained at home aiding his father in its cultivation until reaching his twenty-fifth year. In the fall of 1838, he was married to Sophia M., daughter of William and Jane B. (Dowden) Johnson, the father born in Maryland in 1781, and the mother, who was a native of Virginia, was born in 1789. They were the parents of thirteen children, six of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson came to Fayette County in 1816, and located in Greene Township, on a wild farm. The father was, in early life, a Whig, and fought in the War of 1812. He was progressive and wide-awake where his township was concerned, and served in the capacity of Supervisor and Trustee. He passed from this life in 1833, and his good wife in 1880.

Mrs. Rowe was born in Greene Township, this county, March 16, 1819. After her marriage with our subject, the young couple came to Concord Township and located on a wild tract of land comprising one hundred acres. Like many of the pioneers, they began subduing nature, erecting cabins, clearing the land, etc., but with all that, were social and happy, and had a care for the education and morals of their children. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe are among the few who are left to tell the experiences and hardships of that early time.

Our subject has added to his landed estate from time to time, until he is now the possessor of two hundred and sixty-four acres of valuable land, all of which, with the exception of eight acres, is under the plow. He erected his present substantial residence in 1848, which was at that time the only brick structure in the township. He has placed good buildings on his estate, and is living in the quiet enjoyment of the fruits of his early toil, surrounded by a host of warm friends and acquaintances. His home is located in what is now known as Hankins' Run, which was named by his father in an early date. They have been residents of this section for fifty-four years, and celebrated their golden wedding August 14, 1888, on which occasion two hundred guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe are the parents of eight children, all of whom are living, namely: Melinda J. Van Pelt, Amanda A. Mark, Isaac N. Newton, Mary F. Mark, Eliza E. Stucky, John William, Virgil Clark and Martin Elmer. During the late war, Isaac was a soldier in the Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry, and, being captured at Atlanta, was imprisoned at Andersonville for seven months and twelve days, during which time he was cruelly treated.

Our subject and his estimable wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a period of fifty years, in which denomination Mr. Rowe has served as Class-leader nearly all of that time. He has also been Trustee of the parsonage and church, and for many years was Superintendent of the Sunday-school. In politics, he was in early life a Democrat, but now votes the Republican ticket. He has been greatly interested in township affairs, and has served his fellow-townsmen as Trustee and Supervisor, giving entire satisfaction. He has been Director and Superintendent of Schools, and has done effective work for his district. The youngest son of Mr. Rowe is Township Treasurer.

Before his marriage, he of whom we write had earned $100 in the employ of his grandfather, with which he took an extended trip of six months, and, coming home "broke," was then married. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe are widely and favorably known in this county, where they have lived lives of usefulness and uprightness.

MARCUS L. YATES, who devotes his entire time and attention to cultivating the soil in Range Township, Madison County, was born August 25, 1832, in Deer Creek Township, Pickaway County. His birth occurred in what is now Gill's Mill, which building was erected by his grandfather, David Yates, who came from Shenandoah, Va., in an early day. The latter-named gentleman was a son of Robert Yates, also a native of the Old Dominion and came to Ohio when a young man, where he was married.

John Yates, the father of our subject, was born December 26, 1805, in Ross County, this State, where his father was married to Miss Christina Edmonson and resided until removing to Pickaway County. He inherited twenty acres of land from his father's estate and was so successful as a farmer that he was enabled to give each of his eleven children one hundred acres of land. Politically, he was a Democrat and served as Justice of the Peace for many years. His marriage with Miss Elizabeth Blue occurred September 4, 1828; she was born May 1, 1808, and departed this life November 5, 1885. Her husband preceded her to the better land, having died in Pickaway County, July 16, 1878.

Our subject was the third in order of birth of the parental family of eleven children, his brothers and sisters being David R., Emily, DeWitt Clinton, William, John N., Francis Marion, Socrates, Marinda, Roland B. and Townsend. He of whom we write grew to manhood in Pickaway County, where he attended the first school held in the Everett building in Circleville. When twenty-two years of age, he went to Paint Township, Fayette County, and took charge of a farm of four hundred and sixty-five acres, which belonged to his father. He was thus engaged for a number of years, and in the meantime was married to Miss Angeline C., daughter of Benjamin and Martha (Reeves) Harrison, whose sketch will be found on another page of this volume.

Mrs. Yates was born October 14, 1841, in Fayette County, and until 1874 resided with her husband upon one hundred acres of land which had been given him by his father. His estate now comprises two hundred acres which his industry has placed under an excellent cultivation. In 1882, his tool shed was struck by lightning, thus destroying $1,800 worth of machinery, and in 1891 he suffered the loss of his residence by fire.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yates have been born nine children, viz: Batteal H., who married Miss Susan S. Wissler; Seymour, who married Emma Ogden; Anna D., Mrs. James T. Timmons; Myrtle W., the wife of Herman McClimans; Pearl M., Mrs. Cassius B. Porter; Charles M., Alpha A., Martha E., who died in infancy, and Lyle B. at home.

In his political relations, Mr. Yates is an ardent

Democrat and has served as Trustee of his township for the past ten years and has also done efficient work as a member of the School Board. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having taken the Thirty-second Degree.

DR. O. A. ALLEN. Success is the true test of merit, and without in any way reflecting upon the other talented members of the medical profession who are residents of Washington C. H., we feel sure that our readers who are acquainted with Dr. Allen will bear witness to his being an honorable, conscientious physician, who has, by hard study and indomitable energy, become thoroughly conversant with the details of his profession.

Dr. Allen is one of the oldest physicians of Washington C. H., having come hither in 1850, and, in addition to his large practice, he also for a number of years conducted a drug business. He came to Ohio from New Jersey, where he was born July 1, 1825, the son of John P. and Jane (Adams) Allen. He was only four years old when he accompanied his parents to Mansfield, Richland County, where nine years later he was orphaned by the death of his mother. Afterward he attended the Granville (Licking County) Academy for two years, and later was a student in the college at the same place for five years.

At the age of twenty, our subject ceased his literary studies and commenced to read medicine in Wilmington, Ohio, with Dr. Davis as his preceptor. In 1850, he came to Washington C. H., where, on March 18 of the following year, he was married to Miss Jane, daughter of Isaac Jenkins. He attended medical lectures at Cleveland in the fall of 1852, graduating during the following year, and at once opened an office in Washington C. H., where he practiced for ten years uninterruptedly. Then buying out a drug business, he was engaged in that line for twenty years, first alone, but much of the time in partnership with Dr. H. C. Coffman. About 1880, he sold the drug store and has since given his attention wholly to his professional labors. He retains much of the activity of his youth, although he no longer does night work if he can avoid it.

Washington C. H. contains a number of elegant and tastefully furnished residences, and among them the stranger is sure to notice particularly the home on the corner of Washington Avenue and McLean Street. The grounds are five acres in extent, and are beautifully laid out in lawns, gardens, etc. The Doctor erected the residence and has made it his home for twenty-two years. He and his wife are the parents of two children: Lucy, wife of Capt. E. A. Ramsay, and the mother of two children: Ellis W. and Richard A.; William J. is an undertaker at Washington C. H. The Doctor is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Baptist Church, while his wife holds membership in the Presbyterian Church.

DAVID S. LUDWIG. Biographies of successful men are most useful as guides and incentives to others, and hence a volume of this character, containing the life records of the most prominent and representative citizens of Pickaway County, serves to stimulate the young and invite their emulation. Mr. Ludwig is well known throughout the county as an influential farmer and business man of Circleville Township. His fine farm, located on section 32, forms a most beautiful picture in the surrounding landscape. His handsome residence, which was erected in 1891 at a cost of $7,000, is equipped throughout with all the conveniences and improvements known to modern architecture. It is heated with hot water and bears all the furnishings which indicate its inmates to be people of means and refinement. The estate of Mr. Ludwig is located in the southeastern corner of Circleville Township, on the famous "Pickaway Plains."

David S. Ludwig was born on the old homestead June 16, 1842, and is the son of Jacob Ludwig, one of the pioneers of this section. He was

given a common-school education and passed his boyhood days on the old farm on which he still resides. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage, December 26, 1872, at which time Miss Rosa L. Driesbach became his wife. Mrs. Ludwig was born in Pickaway Township September 3, 1851, and was the daughter of Isaac E. and L. C. (Hittel) Driesbach, natives of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio in an early day. Mrs. Ludwig acquired a good education in the schools of the district, later attending one term at the Northwestern College at Naperville, Ill.

The six children born to our subject and his estimable wife bear the respective names of Eva D., Fannie D., Edgar J., Lydia I., Mary and Mabel G. In political matters, Mr. Ludwig casts his vote and influence in favor of Democratic principles and candidates. For two years, he served acceptably in the position of Trustee of Pickaway Township. Mrs. Ludwig is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and takes an active interest in all good works.

The old Ludwig homestead comprised one hundred and sixty acres, which is the property of our subject. In addition to that, he is the possessor of an estate of two hundred acres, just across the road, in Pickaway Township; one hundred and fifty acres in another portion of that township and forty acres in Washington Township. He is one of the largest landholders in this county, and justly occupies a high place in the agricultural community. He devotes a great deal of time and attention to the raising of cattle, his favorite being the Polled-Angus. The estate of our subject is splendidly developed, Mr. Ludwig believing that the latest improvements and best methods in agriculture always bring in the largest returns.

He of whom we write responded to the call for volunteers during the Morgan raid, being commissioned Captain of Company E, First Regiment, Ohio Militia, in July, 1864, receiving his honorable discharge in August of that year. On erecting his present handsome residence, Mr. Ludwig tore down the famous old brick house, which was built by his grandfather in 1809, and at that time was the first brick dwelling in Pickaway County. Among the personal characteristics of our subject are those of justice and progress and that cordial, kindly spirit which makes warm friends and stanch adherents. We are pleased to be able to place in the hands of our readers a sketch of so prominent and influential a citizen of Pickaway County as is Mr. Ludwig.

THOMAS F. PARRETT. Fayette County's native-born sons, who are represented in various walks in life, are many of them among the principal promoters of the prosperity that she enjoys, and of this number is Thomas F. Parrett, a farmer of high reputation, standing among the first of his calling in Wayne Township, and one of our best civic officials. Jefferson Township is his birthplace, and he was born into the home of George and Anna Parrett of that place in 1840.

George Parrett was also a native of this county, born in 1813, a son of John and Catherine Parrett, who were early settlers in this part of Ohio. They were Virginians by birth, and after marriage came to this State in 1810, and first located in Ross County, whence they came to this county a year or two later and were among its most useful pioneers, buying and improving a large tract of land, lying along Paint Creek. He served a short time in the War of 1812. He was a son of Frederick Parrett, who was a native of Virginia, but was of Swiss descent. The father of our subject grew to manhood on a farm in Jefferson Township. His early education was conducted in the rude log schoolhouse of pioneer times, where he spent many a weary hour on a split log seat without any back to it. He remained with his parents until his marriage at the age of twenty-four or twenty-five, to Miss Anna Fletcher. Her father had died when she was quite young, and she was reared by her mother, with whom she came to Ohio. Mr. Parrett began life by operating the farm that his father had left him. He was very industrious, made every stroke of work count, and was also keen in money matters, so that he became well-to-do. He added to the original area of his farm until he had

three hundred and fifty acres of excellent farming land, the most of which he cleared himself. He lived to a ripe age, dying in 1872, and thus closing a life that had been well spent. Politically, he was of the old Whig stock in early life, but the Republican party found in him a strong supporter after its organization. Both he and his wife were people of strict religious views, and the Methodist Protestant Church had in them good and faithful members. Mrs. Parrett, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1811, died in this county in 1886. She was the mother of seven children: Elmira, wife of H. Kirk: Thomas F.; Mary C., wife of T. F. Boyd; Caroline E., wife of J. P. Popejoy; Belinda A., widow of J. W. Morris; Susan, who died young, and Lucy O., wife of Dr. S. Marshall.

At the age of twenty-one, our subject started out in the world on his own responsibility, beginning life as a farmer. At the age of twenty-four, he married Mary Greenlee, daughter of Samuel and Ann Greenlee. Their union was blessed with three children: Frank L., who married Stella Briggs; Fantie B., and Carey. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Parrett was married to Miss Mary B. Coffman, daughter of Nathan and Sarah Coffman, who were natives respectively of Fayette and Greene Counties. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: William E., deceased; Lewis C.; Charlotte J., wife of J. D. Pridy; John M., deceased; Benjamin F., Mary B., Esther A., who married F. P. Willard, and is now dead, and Sarah J., her twin sister, who is the wife of R. W. Merchant. Our subject and his wife have three sons: Harry, Thomas F., Jr., and Louis C.

Mr. Parrett remained in Jefferson Township thirteen years after his first marriage, and then came to Wayne Township, and to his present farm in 1880. He owns three hundred and seventeen acres of well-improved land, and he may well take pride in the fact that its fine condition is the result of his persistent and well-directed labors, the building, fencing, ditching and tiling all of his planning, and much of the work done by his hand.

Our subject has a noble war record, which reflects credit on the soldier of his native State He first entered the service in Company H, Sixtieth Ohio Infantry, which formed a part of the Army of the Potomac, and while he was fighting at Harper's Ferry he was captured by the enemy. He had the good fortune to be paroled at Annapolis, Md., and subsequently started for Minnesota to fight the Indians, but on arriving at Chicago he found that peace had been declared with the savages. He remained in Camp Douglas two months, and his term of enlistment then expiring, he was mustered out of the service. His patriotism had not been dampened by the many trials and hardships that he has undergone in defending the Stars and Stripes, and he afterward enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio Infantry, of which he was made Captain for his meritorious services and for the good soldiership that he displayed, whether on the march, in camp or in the heat of battle. It was his misfortune to be again captured while engaged with the enemy in Kentucky, by John Morgan, the celebrated rebel raider, and his captivity terminated his usefulness in the field. Politically, our subject is a Republican, and has ever stood firmly by his party in defeat as well as in victory. His fellow-citizens hold him in honor, and have entrusted to him many of the most responsible local offices, such as that of Trustee, etc. In 1887, he was first chosen as one of the County Commissioners, and he still holds that important office.

GEORGE ZWICKER, a retired farmer, is one of the prominent and most esteemed old settlers of Circleville, having been a resident of this city since 1845. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, on the 15th of February, 1821, and his father, George H. Zwicker, was also a native of that country. The latter followed agricultural pursuits there until his death, in 1824. He married Miss Margaret Forist, also a native of Germany, and the daughter of George H. Forist, who was born in the Fatherland, and who carried on agricultural pursuits there. The mother of Mrs. Zwicker was brought to this country by our

subject in 1845, and here passed her last days. She was a member of the Reformed Church.

Our subject was second in order of birth of four children, three of whom grew to mature years. The youngest brother, Deibold, died in Germany, and a sister, Margaret, died in Pike County, Ohio. George Zwicker received good advantages in the educational line from the age of six to fourteen, and remained under the parental roof until he came to America. He desired to live in a free and independent country, and in the spring of 1838 he took passage for the United States. He remained in New York City over a month, and then came on to Pike County, settling in Waverly. He was out of money, could not speak English, and was among strangers. However, he did not inherit the thrift, energy and perseverance of his German ancestors for nothing, and he immediately set to work to find employment. He worked on a farm during the summer, and then on the State boat until 1844. His mother had secured his release from military service, and after the death of his brother our subject returned to his native country to get the remainder of the family. This was in the fall of 1844, and he took passage at New York on the sailing-vessel "Louis Phillipe," and after a twenty days' ocean voyage, reached Hanover. In the spring of the following year, he returned with the family to the United States, remaining at Waverly, Ohio, until the fall and then located at Circleville. He bought two acres in that city, engaged in gardening, and added to his land from time to time, until he had fifteen acres of fine land in the corporation limits.

Mr. Zwicker had followed gardening in his native country, and consequently was thoroughly posted in this branch of industry. He began raising plants, sold seed, and, being very successful in this, continued it for over forty years. He attended the Columbus markets twice a week, and bought and built a booth at North Market; he also hired a booth at Central Market, where he handled vegetables of his own raising. In 1878, he bought the old Valentine Farm, consisting of one hundred and twenty-one and one-quarter acres, and later he bought sixty acres, so that he now has over one hundred and eighty-one acres of land, part in the corporation of Circleville, with good buildings and improvements. He also owns city lots here, and is one of the substantial men of the county, all the result of pluck and perseverance. In 1867, he and Michael Kelstadt were selected as assignees for the defunct Marfield Bank, and took as their interest a part of twelve acres between Scioto and Court Streets, which they have platted out as Zwicker & Kelstadt Addition, and have sold a number of lots. In 1888, Mr. Zwicker bought a large brick residence on East Main Street, and has a most pleasant and comfortable home. He owns real estate on South High Street, in Columbus, and built a residence there, at the corner of Pearl and Willow Streets.

Our subject was an organizer of the Pickaway County New Fair Association, and assisted in buying property and getting it in good shape, and he now owns the property. He has assisted in building all the railroads here, and has taken a deep interest in all other worthy enterprises. After many years of industry and hard work, he has retired from the active duties of life to enjoy the fruits of his labor. He is one of the representative citizens of the county, is social and genial, and is warmly welcomed everywhere. He was educated in the German language in his own country, and although he never attended school here, he speaks the English language quite fluently. During the memorial exercises on the 29th of December, 1891, he was stricken with paralysis, but has now nearly recovered.

He was married in Pike County, Ohio, on the 4th of July, 1845, to Miss Anna M. Palm, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and the daughter of Jacob William Palm, a native of the Old Country. Mr. Palm followed merchandising there until 1846, and then crossed the ocean to the hospitable shores of America. He located in Circleville in 1847, and there received his final summons. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna M. Sterley, was born in Germany, but died in this country. Fifteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Palm, and of these seven are now living. Mrs. Zwicker, the second in order of birth, was born January 2, 1826, and remained in her native country until the spring of 1844, when she and a sister sailed for America. She became acquainted with Mr.

Zwicker on shipboard, and on the 4th of July of the following year became his wife. They are the happy parents of one child, J. George, a native of Circleville, born September 18, 1848. The latter was well educated in the public schools, later assisted his father on the farm, and afterward was engaged in business for him. He spent one year, from 1889 to 1890, in Columbus, but afterwards returned and engaged in farming and gardening. He was married in 1872 to Miss Frances Schneider, a native of Worcester, Ohio, and the daughter of John Schneider, a cooper, now deceased. Eight children have been born to them: George H., Annie M., Sarah E., C. Frederick, Harry W., Otto D., Albert and Emma C. The subject of this sketch is a strong member of the Lutheran Church. In politics, he is a Democrat.

MRS. ELIZA M. CUMMINS. Among the many intelligent and refined ladies of Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, we find none more worthy of a place in this volume than Mrs. Cummins, who has been a resident of this State nearly all her life. She was born in Chester County, Pa., on the 18th of May, 1830, and her parents, Jacob and Mary (McGill) Wright, were natives of that State also. About 1835 her parents left the Keystone State and emigrated to Ohio, settling ten miles north of Columbus, where they passed the remainder of their days, the father dying in 1878 and the mother in 1886. Nine children were born to their union, only the following now surviving: Eliza M.; John; Susan, wife of Robert Brelsford; Charles; Jacob; and Mary, wife of Sylvester Hard.

The original of this notice was but five years of age when she came with her parents to Franklin County, Ohio, and here she passed her girlhood and received her education in the pioneer log schoolhouse of those days. Thus she was reared to hardships and privations, but this only served to form a character whose kindly influence and gentleness are made manifest at home and in society. On the 4th of March, 1849, she was married to Mr. Snyder B. Cummins, a native of Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, born June 11, 1818, and the son of William and Mary Cummins, natives of Virginia, but early settlers of Pickaway County, Ohio. Young Cummins was also reared amid pioneer surroundings and received a good practical education. For a number of years he was an active worker in educational matters, taught several terms of school, and was an able and very successful instructor.

After marriage, Mr. Cummins and his youthful bride settled upon the farm which his widow now owns in Harrison Township, and began housekeeping in a log cabin. He then went to work to clear and cultivate the land, which required years of labor and economy, but with the assistance of his prudent and most able helpmate, he persevered and became the owner of one of the finest places in the vicinity. A few years after their residence on this place, a fine frame structure took the place of the rude log cabin, cultivated fields were seen in the place of forests, and thus their toil was rewarded. Their union gave them nine children, five of whom are living: Frank; Snyder; Arthur; Joseph; and Mary, wife of George Richards. The four deceased were Jacob, Susan, Martha and Hattie.

Mr. Cummins departed this life on the 4th of March, 1876, and his death was the occasion of universal sorrow, for all felt the loss sustained by the departure of such a man. He was known far and wide for integrity and fair dealing, and enjoyed the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. No better man had his home in Pickaway County, and his honesty and uprightness were proverbial in the community. He was one of the prominent members of the United Brethren Church and an active worker in the same. He was a School Director for some time, and was a friend to education, as to all worthy enterprises. He was interred in Reber Hill Cemetery, in Walnut Township. In politics, he was a Republican with Prohibition tendencies. A self-made man, Mr. Cummins made all his property by industry and good management and with the assistance of his wife, who is a woman of unus-

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ual managerial qualities, prudence and industry. She is identified with the United Brethren Church, is a charming lady, and very popular with her neighbors.

ANDREW J. KEPLER, M. D., of London, who is one of the foremost representatives of the Eclectic School of Medicine in this part of Ohio, enjoys a large practice, and is regarded as one of the best physicians in Madison County. He is a native of Butler County, and July 22, 1852, was born into the home of John T. and Mahala (Clemmer) Kepler, also natives of Ohio. They were married in Montgomery County, and the father was actively engaged in farming in the same county for several years, but he and his amiable wife are now living in retirement in Preble County. In politics, he is an unswerving advocate of the Democratic party. For six years he held the office of Justice of the Peace, and made an admirable official, administering the law without fear or favor. He and his wife are members in high standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and carry their religion into their everyday lives. They have three children: Samuel, a farmer; Mary, Mrs. Toby; and our subject.

The paternal grandparents of our subject were Joseph and Mary (Horine) Kepler, who were natives, respectively, of Germany and Ireland. They came to America when young, and were married in Kentucky. Later in life they came to Ohio and located on the Miami River, near Dayton, in an early day, where the grandfather engaged extensively in farming, owning some eight hundred acres of land. He subsequently removed with his family to Butler County, where he continued agricultural pursuits, and also operated a grist and saw mill. Moving to Dayton in the latter part of his life, he lived retired until his demise. He was a Democrat, and served through the War of 1812. His family numbered four sons and three daughters. The maternal grandparents of our subject, Andrew and Sarah Clemmer, were natives of Pennsylvania. The former was a wealthy farmer, and the proprietor of over a thousand acres of land near Dayton, where he had settled in an early day, entering his land, which was mostly timber, from the Government. He was a Justice of the Peace, and was known far and near as "Squire Clemmer." He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and a Whig in politics.

The subject of this biography passed his youth on a farm and laid a solid foundation for his education in the local schools, which he attended until he was sixteen years old. At that age, he suspended his studies to teach school, and was thus engaged eight years. He then attended the Lebanon High School two years, and was graduated therefrom with high honors. Resuming the profession of teaching after his graduation, he devoted his spare time to studying medicine, and for five years applied himself diligently to his books, so that when he entered the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati he was already well grounded in the principles of medicine, and made rapid progress in his college studies. He was graduated from that institution in 1882, with third honors, in a class of one hundred and twenty-six, and at once opened an office at London, where he has been stationed ever since. By his frank and unaffected manner, Dr. Kepler soon gained favor with the people, and in due time his practical demonstration of skill in administering to various diseases, and his evident knowledge of medicine in all its branches, secured him their patronage, and he now has not only numerous patients in the village, but his practice in the country for many miles around is extensive. Notwithstanding the demands of his profession, to which he is devoted heart and soul, the Doctor is not an unfamiliar figure in public life. He was one of the Village Council in 1886 and 1887, and is now a member of the Board of Health. In politics, he gives his allegiance to the Democratic party. Socially, he is an Odd Fellow and a Knight of Pythias. He is prominent in the councils of various medical organizations, belonging to the Ohio State Eclectic Medical Society, and to the Ohio Central Eclectic Medical Society, of which he was President in 1888.

Dr. Kepler was married, in 1873, to Miss Rosanna

Dafler, of Montgomery County, and a daughter of John W. and Rosanna C. (Risley) Dafler, natives of Germany, who came to America when young, and were married in Maryland. In 1867, they came to Ohio and settled in Montgomery County, where Mr. Dafler died in 1889. His wife is still living there on the old homestead. In politics, he was a Democrat. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, to which his wife also belongs. They had eleven children, of whom ten are living: John E., David H., Christian C., Lewis P., Wesley W., Charles E., Andrew M., Mrs. Kepler, Elizabeth B. and Margaret C. Our subject and his wife have been blessed in their happy wedded life with three daughters, whom they have named Lauretta B., Dora V. and Maggie E. respectively. All have been given excellent educational advantages, the two eldest daughters being graduates of the London High School. Lauretta B. is successfully engaged in the profession of teaching, and Dora is studying stenography with a view to preparing herself for office work. Dr. Kepler is a good business man as well as physician, and by judicious investments has acquired some valuable property, including a fine tract of land in Guthrie County, Iowa.

In connection with this sketch a portrait of Dr. Kepler is presented to our readers.

MILAN L. SMITH is one of the oldest pioneers living in Fayette County. He was born near Fincastle, W. Va., February 29, 1810, to Mathias and Christena (Myers) Smith, also natives of West Virginia. They were of German and English descent, respectively. The maternal grandfather was born in England and was in the Revolutionary War and was an early settler of Virginia.

The father of our subject came to Fayette County, Ohio, in 1814, about two or three years after the Indians were driven out. Their mode of travel was by ox-team and wagon. This country was very wild and almost a forest. Wild game was very plentiful and deer were seen in large droves. Mathias Smith first settled on Deer Creek, near Waterloo, where he put up a little log cabin, in which he and his family lived until he had made some improvements. He was a wheelwright and mechanic by trade and worked at his trade some time after coming to this country. He passed from this life in the year 1821, at the age of thirty-nine. He was the father of four sons and three daughters, five of whom are now living.

Our subject is the eldest child living of his father's family, and was but ten years of age when he came to this country with his parents. There were very few school advantages in those days, but he was enabled to attend a private school for some time. The first schoolhouse he went to was a little log cabin with slab seats and puncheon floor. This young lad helped to clear up his father's farm and subsequently went to work by the month for himself, receiving the small sum of $7 per month in a tan yard. In 1827, he was married and moved to Western Illinois, where he lived eighteen months on a farm, at which time he sold out and moved to his present place. This land he paid $15 an acre for when it was in a wild state of nature and was called the Big Woods. He has made all the improvements on his place of two hundred acres himself, and they are first-class. He donated a half-acre for the erection of a church on his place and has been a School Director and takes great interest in all educational matters and religious affairs.

The subject of this life history was married in March, 1827, to Miss Mahala Armstrong. To this couple, seven children were born, four sons and three daughters, six of whom are yet living. Mrs. Smith passed from life in July, 1878, and Mr. Smith was again married, this time to Margaret Custer, and they are both valued members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

EDWARD R. JOHNSON is Justice of the Peace of Mt. Sterling and a well-known citizen of Madison County. His entire life has been passed in this State. He was born in Greenfield, Highland County, June 7, 1854, and is

a son of Col. A. C. Johnson. His father was a dentist by profession. On the breaking out of the late war, he raised a company, of which he was elected Captain, and marched to the front. He participated in twelve of the most important battles, and for his meritorious conduct was promoted to the rank of Colonel. After the war, he became a banker. Subsequently, he removed to Iowa, where he engaged in the grain trade, and later went to Nebraska, where he engaged in real estate. He married Louisa R. Jones and unto them were born six children, four of whom grew to mature years, our subject being the fifth in order of birth. Mary L. was married, and died, leaving one child; Munson C. is a farmer of Nebraska, where he resides with his wife and one child; Mrs. Ella R. Kearney is living in Linden, Iowa, and has a family of two children.

When our subject was only two years old, his parents removed to Washington C. H., where he grew to manhood. He acquired his literary education in the public schools of that city, after which, he pursued a business course in the Miami Commercial College, of Dayton, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1872. He then engaged in clerking in the Fayette County National Bank for two years, or until after the panic. In 1874, he organized the Farmers' Bank, of Mt. Sterling, with which he was connected one year, serving as teller. His next place of residence was in Sabina, Clinton County, Ohio, where he organized the Citizens' Bank, in which he held the position of cashier for two years.

On the 27th of August, 1877, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Laura Hughes, of Mt. Sterling. He then turned his attention to farming, following that occupation in Union Township, Fayette County, Ohio, where he operated rented land for three years. He then removed to Linden, Iowa, where he engaged in the lumber business for four years and, on selling out, returned to Ohio and came to Mt. Sterling. Mr. Johnson owns a house and lot in Pleasant Township, close to the corporate limits of the city.

Four children were born to our subject and his wife, but two died in infancy. The living are: Lillie, who was born in Monroe Township, Pickaway County, April 17, 1879; and Aaron C., who was born in Linden, Iowa, January 4, 1883. In politics, Mr. Johnson is a Republican, and has served two terms as City Clerk. He was elected Justice of the Peace in the spring of 1890. His public duties he has ever faithfully performed. He has several times served as a delegate to the county conventions of his party and in its success feels a deep interest. Socially, he is a member of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America.

DANIEL LUDWIG. This retired farmer of Pickaway County, now residing in Circleville, was born in a large brick house on Kingston Pike, three miles southeast of Circleville, November 23, 1831. The first representatives of the family in America were Daniel and Mary Ludwig, natives of Germany, who emigrated thence to the United States, and settled in Berks County, Pa. There the grandfather of our subject, also named Daniel, was born June 4, 1748. For a number of years he was associated with ex-Gov. Joseph Heister, of Pennsylvania, in a store in Reading.

Having resolved to seek a home in the rapidly growing West, Grandfather Ludwig, in the fall of 1806, emigrated to Ohio, accompanied by his wife and nine children, the journey being made with a two-horse team. He brought with him a small stock of goods, with which he intended to open a store. With that object in view, he erected a large brick house, in one portion of which the store was to be kept. But three of his sons, on whose aid he depended, died, and the store was never established, the goods being disposed of. The house alluded to was built in 1809, and was the largest and oldest brick house in the county. It stood until 1890, when the walls became unsafe, and it was torn down by the present owner, a grandson of the original owner. An elegant residence now stands on the site of that pioneer home.

On his arrival here, Grandfather Ludwig purchased three hundred and twenty acres of land,

and later entered land in this and adjoining counties, and became owner of about three thousand acres. He was the original owner of the land on which the village of Logan, Hocking County, now stands, and was a man of great influence. His death occurred June 9, 1825. His son Jacob was born in Berks County, Pa., April 7, 1806, and was but six months old at the time of his parents' removal to Ohio. His education was obtained in the ordinary schools of that day, and he commenced to operate as a farmer in his youth, beginning with two hundred acres of land, to which he added from time to time. He became the possessor of the old homestead, where he resided until his death in October, 1881. By purchasing land at different times, and paying from $35 to $155 per acre, he became owner of some eighteen hundred acres of improved property. In politics, he was a Democrat, and religiously, was identified with the Lutheran Church.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, Henry Morris, was a teamster in the War of 1812, and was a very successful farmer, continuing thus engaged until his death in 1873, at the age of eighty-five years. Unto him and his wife, Charity, were born several children, one of whom, Evelina, was born in Washington Township, Pickaway County. She was married to Jacob Ludwig, November 18, 1830, and died February 23, 1848, while still comparatively young. She was the mother of eight children, of whom six grew to maturity, and are living at the present time, Daniel being the eldest.

The early years of our subject were passed in gaining a knowledge of the "three R's" in the district school, and in becoming practically acquainted with farm work. He remained at home until he was thirty years old, aiding in cultivating the fifteen hundred acres of which it consisted, and then, in the fall of 1860, became owner of the Mt. Oval farm of three hundred and thirty-three acres in Pickaway County, near where the chief Logan lived. Upon that place he successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising until 1883, when he bought his father-in-law's estate of two hundred and twenty acres in the same township, becoming the owner of five hundred and fifty-three acres, divided into two splendid farms. His agricultural operations were rewarded with success, and finally, in October, 1890, he retired to Circleville, where he purchased the beautiful home on Court Street, valued at $6,000, and one of the most attractive residences in the city. He rents his land to tenants on shares, and still owns considerable stock. Before he came to the city, he was elected County Commissioner in 1878, and served three years, after which he refused to fill the position longer. He was also Township Treasurer for a number of years.

The marriage of Daniel Ludwig in 1863, in Pickaway Township, united him to Miss Julia A., daughter of Lemuel Steely, an extensive cattle dealer of Pickaway County. Mrs. Ludwig died in 1887, leaving four children, namely: Willis, who was graduated with first honors at the Commercial College, of Poughkeepsie, and is now in business at Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mary, Eveline and Lizzie are at home. The members of the family are identified with the Presbyterian Church at Circleville, and the young ladies are accomplished and well educated, occupying prominent positions in social circles. Mr. Ludwig served two terms as Assessor in Circleville Township, has been School Trustee, and represented his party, the Democratic, as delegate to county, State and congressional conventions. He is a man of probity and honor, whose life has been characterized by integrity, energy, and a desire to promote the welfare of his fellow-men, as well as his own personal advancement.

ISAAC M. JOHNSON. Prominent among the prosperous and intelligent agriculturists of Perry Township, Fayette County, is the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch. His fine farm with its excellent improvements forms one of the most attractive features of the township. He is the son of William and Jane B. (Dowden) Johnson, natives respectively of Delaware and Virginia. The parents were married in the latter-named State and came hither in 1810, which was at an early day in the history of Ohio. They made their first location in Hellard's Bottom, Ross County, and in 1816 removed to Fayette County, where the father purchased one

hundred acres of partially improved land in Greene Township, which was the property of Jesse Rowe.

William Johnson located with his family in Greene Township, where, in addition to the tract already mentioned, he purchased two hundred acres more, which he cleared and improved. At the time of his death, which occurred about 1832, he was the possessor of a magnificent estate numbering six hundred acres of valuable land, all of which had been accumulated by his untiring industry and perseverance, coupled with his good judgment. The mother of our subject bore her husband thirteen children, only seven of whom are living, and died in the spring of 1880. Two sons, Caleb H. and Isaac M., were soldiers in the late Civil War. Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father in politics was a Whig. He was a patriot in the War of 1812, fighting under Gen. William Henry Harrison. The mother of our subject purchased another farm from the proceeds left her by her husband, and after remaining a widow for twelve years, was married to David Woodmansie, who is now deceased.

The original of this sketch was born September 9, 1822, on the old homestead in Greene Township, this county. His school privileges were very limited, he being privileged to attend only a few months in the year the old log schoolhouse, with slab seats, puncheon floor and greased-paper windows. He remained under the parental roof, aiding his father in clearing the farm, until his twentieth year. Mr. Johnson aided in the construction through this section of the Cincinnati & Marietta Railroad, of which he was a stockholder, and when engaging to work out on farms, received as his first year's wages, $8.50 per month.

October 8, 1846, Cassandra, daughter of John Dick, became the wife of our subject. The father was a native of Virginia and after a short residence in this State removed to Indiana, where he passed his last days near Wabash. Mrs. Johnson was born September 18, 1825. After his marriage, our subject worked land on shares for Jackson Rogers for another twelvemonth, at the end of which time he passed a like period on the old home farm. In the spring of 1849, he purchased his present farm of Stafford Junkins. Mrs. Johnson died October 27, 1855, after having borne her husband four children, all of whom are living with one exception: Jane Josephine was born October 17, 1847, married David Shimp and resides in Perry Township, being the mother of five children; Mary L., born February 18, 1850, is the wife of Charles A. Stafford, who makes his home in Concord Township, and has three children; Henson D. was born September 24, 1855, married Rilla Brannon and resides in this township, their family including two children.

Our subject was again married, November 11, 1856, this time to Leeann, daughter of William and Matilda (Chambers) Clawson. The father of Mrs. Johnson was a soldier in the War of 1812, and passed from this life in 1869. His good wife bore him seven children and died in 1869. Miss Leeann was born May 10, 1828, in Ross County, this State. He of whom we write is the owner of three hundred and fourteen acres of valuable land, nearly all of which is under fine cultivation. The old log house has long since given way to a large brick residence, which is presided over by Mrs. Johnson, who is a most intelligent and hospitable lady. The farm buildings are numerous and substantial, thus affording ample room for the storage of grain and the shelter of stock. Many rods of tiling thoroughly drain the land, which is some of the most productive in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which body they have been connected the past forty years. Our subject has been a Trustee and Steward in his dedomination and contributes generously of his means for its support. He has been a charter member of the Grange, in which organization he was Chaplain, and his good wife, who was also a member, was Flora. For a number of years he was a large stockholder and Director of the Grange Store. He has served on both the School and Township Board, and, in politics, votes the straight Republican ticket, firmly believing that party to be in the right. Always interested in township affairs, he served for a period as a Trustee.

Mr. Johnson burnt the brick used in the con-

struction of his residence, and also in the schoolhouse of his district. He and his wife adopted a little daughter of Dr. Brown, of Buena Vista, who bore the name of Ella. She was an inmate of their home for eight years, when she died. Our subject was born in this county, has helped to clear land, build roads and the railroad, has seen this county when it was a wilderness and has aided in all its development, until now, in his declining years, his eyes look out upon as grand a country as the sun ever shone on.

MARCELLUS LE ROY BRYAN, the well-known editor and proprietor of the *Madison County Democrat*, published at London, wields a powerful influence upon local politics and in the public life of the county, and for many years has been potent in advancing its interests through the columns of this, one of the oldest established and most ably-conducted newspapers in this part of Ohio.

Our subject is a representative of one of the old families of the State, and was born in the county town of Batavia, Clermont County, March 23, 1829. His grandfather, David Chester Bryan, was born on Long Island in 1771, was united in marriage with Ruth Bryan in 1792, and died in Batavia July 31, 1829. In 1800, he had left his old island home with his family, and after living three years in New Jersey, had migrated to this State, and had settled in Williamsburgh, Clermont County, removing his residence to Batavia in 1825, which town he platted and named. In 1806, he was elected a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, but his seat was contested and given to Thomas Morris, who afterward became United States Senator. Mr. Bryan was subsequently elected State Senator, and served as such from 1807 until 1810, when he resigned to become Clerk of the Courts of Clermont County, which office he filled until his death, nineteen years later, his son Melancthon succeeding him as Clerk.

Our subject's father was also named David Chester Bryan, and he was born on Long Island. He was quite young when the family came to Clermont County. July 14, 1828, he was married to Mary Malvina Moore, a daughter of Capt. Charles Moore, who was an officer in the War of 1812, and was one of the earliest settlers of Clermont County. Capt. Moore came to this State from Philadelphia, and bought a large tract of land near Batavia, on which he erected a flouring mill and a distillery on the East Fork of the Little Miami River. The mother of our subject still survives in the eighty-fourth year of her age. Eight of her ten children are now living, of whom our subject is the eldest. David C. Bryan, Jr., was a man of some prominence in the community in which he lived. For some years he was the leading merchant in Batavia. About the year 1835, he moved to Cincinnati and bought out a mercantile establishment on Lower Market Street, which he conducted a few years, or until he failed, owing to a stress in the money market. He afterward returned to Batavia, and a few years later removed to Fulton, which is now embraced in the corporate limits of Cincinnati, where he resided some years. At length, he returned once more to Batavia, and died there in 1869, from the effects of a sunstroke received some time previously. He served as Justice of the Peace for many years, and was Auditor of Clermont County one term. In politics, he was an old-line Whig until the organization of the Republican party, when he joined the Democratic forces and was a good Democrat the remainder of his life.

Marcellus Bryan served an apprenticeship in the printing office of the *Clermont Courier*, edited and published by Andrew Gest, since deceased. At the age of nineteen, he left home and went to Columbus to work as a type-setter in the office of the *Ohio Statesman*, then edited by Col. Samuel Medary. He was afterward employed as compositor on the *Daily Fact*, a paper conducted by Col. John Geary, and during that time he was united in marriage with Martha Sydney Masterson, daughter of Mr. John Masterson, an educated gentleman, who came to Columbus from Ireland, and for several years taught the languages in the Columbus High School. About a year after his marriage,

our subject and his wife went to Circleville, where Mr. Bryan took charge of and printed the *Circleville Herald* for one year, returning then to Columbus.

In December, 1857, Mr. Bryan and Mr. J. A. Kissinger came to London to assume charge of the *National Democrat*, a small weekly paper, owned by John M. Smith, now deceased, and published by Douglas King. After the lapse of about a year, Mr. Bryan bought Mr. Kissinger's interest, and some time after changed the name of the paper to the *Madison County Democrat*, which name it still bears, and it is conducted by Mr. Bryan and his sons, whose wide-awake and progressive policy has made of it one of the best publications of its kind in the State, always readable, keeping well abreast of the times, and a keen exponent of the principles of the party which it so ably represents.

The veteran editor of the *Democrat* has belonged to the Democracy ever since he cast his first vote, and but few men in the county have a clearer knowledge of politics than he. He is a man of large, round-about common sense, with a keen faculty of judging men and affairs that has been serviceable to him in his long and honorable career as an editor and whenever he has mingled in public life. He has been at the head of the village government as Mayor of London two terms, and he was Village Recorder one term.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan have seven surviving children, namely: Mary Letitia, Ormond Masterson, Chester Edwin, Charles Moore, Mattie Tenney, Marcellus and Addison Watson. Anna Omega died October 6, 1876, in the seventh year of her age.

DAVID F. BINDER, dealer in gents' furnishing goods in Mt. Sterling, is a popular citizen and enterprising business man, well deserving of representation in this volume. A native of the Buckeye State, he was born in Greenfield, Highland County, August 15, 1844, and is a son of Frederick and Melinda (Heath) Binder. His father was born in Baden, Germany, and at the age of eighteen crossed the Atlantic, coming on to Ohio, where he met and married Miss Heath, a native of Madison County. The father had learned the trade of a clock maker and for a time engaged in repairing and selling clocks on the road. He afterward embarked in the grocery business in Greenfield Three children of the family are yet living: David, of this sketch; Joseph K., a grocery merchant of Greenfield, and Fannie A., who is also living in Greenfield.

Our subject acquired an excellent education, pursuing a course in the Greenfield High School, from which he was graduated at the age of nineteen. He received his business training in his father's grocery store.

In May, 1864, Mr. Binder enlisted for the late war as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio Infantry. At the battle of Cynthiana, Ky., he was made a prisoner, but was exchanged the following day, so that he continued in service with his regiment. After being mustered out, Mr. Binder returned to Greenfield and began clerking, which pursuit he followed until his removal to Mt. Sterling in 1865. He here secured a position as a salesman in the hardware store of N. J. D. Kauffelt, by whom he was employed for fourteen and a half years, a fact which indicates his faithful service and the confidence and high regard in which he was held by his employers. He made a popular salesman, his courteous and gentlemanly demeanor winning patronage.

Mr. Binder was married January 31, 1878, the lady of his choice being Miss Anna Timmons, of Mt. Sterling, who was born February 9, 1854. They had but one child, Frederick, who was born February 15, 1880, and died on the 9th of March, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Binder have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in this community and rank high in social circles. He is an honored member in the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken seven degrees. He also belongs to Bostwick Post No. 406, G. A. R., has filled nearly all its offices and has attended a National Re-union in Columbus. He votes with the Democratic party on State and national questions, but independently at local elections. He has served as City Clerk for seven years, his duties being discharged

with promptness and fidelity, which won him the commendation of all. On the 29th of November, 1890, he embarked in his present business and has had a constantly increasing trade, which has now assumed excellent proportions.

WILLIAM H. DIAL, a member of the firm of Dial & Fullerton, the leading real-estate, loan and insurance men of this section, is doing an extensive business in that line in Washington C. H., where he has been located for the past seventeen years. He was born in Clermont County, this State, sixteen miles east of Cincinnati, September 26, 1847. His parents, Joseph S. and Lucinda (Weaver) Dial, were early settlers of the Buckeye State, the former being in his seventy-second year. He was a resident of Cincinnati for many years, or until until moving to his pleasant farm, sixteen miles east of Cincinnati, where he is living in retirement.

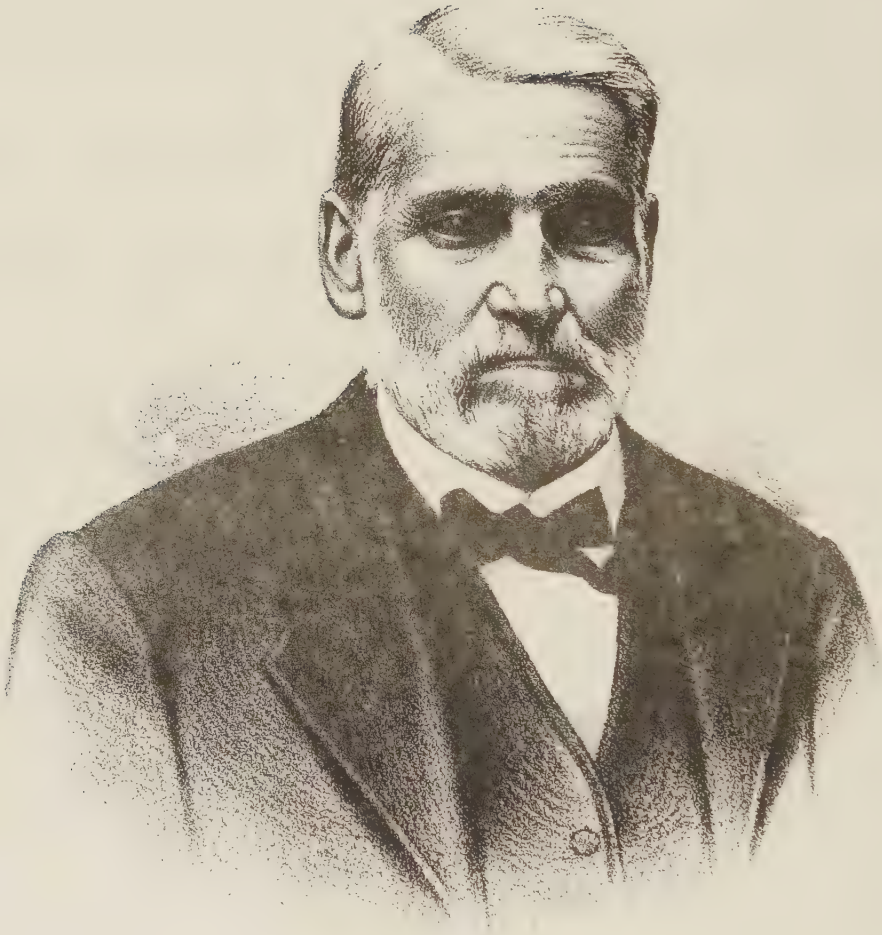
W. H. Dial, of this sketch, received his education in Cincinnati, having taken a High School and commercial course, and, soon after completing his studies, located in Washington C. H. He was married in 1870 to Susie T., daughter of Capt. John S. Foster, who for many years resided in Cincinnati but at present makes his home in Greenville, Darke County. Mr. Foster served all through the Civil War, in which conflict he received the title of Captain, and, being very prominent in local affairs, held the various positions of trust within the gift of the people, at one time being Sheriff of Brown County.

He of whom we write, on locating in this city, entered the real-estate, loan and insurance business, and has occupied a pleasant office at the corner of Court and Main Streets for the past sixteen years, during which time he has built up the largest business in his line in the county. In addition to the business already mentioned, he is President of the People's Savings and Loan Company, of which he was one of the organizers, and has been actively connected with it since that time. The capital stock of the company is $1,000,000, it having been increased by an amended charter from $200,000. The firm of Dial & Fullerton represent the largest insurance companies doing business in the United States, and handle large amounts of city and farm property. Mr. Fullerton has been associated with our subject since June, 1887, and being a man of keen foresight and ability in his particular line, is well fitted to be the associate of such a man as our subject.

Mr. and Mrs. Dial are the parents of three children: Sallie F., Georgia M. and John F., respectively. Our subject was a Councilman from the Second Ward at the time Washington C. H. was advanced from a village to a city, and while thus connected accomplished much good in advancing common-sense ideas, which were sustained by scientific experiments.

LEMUEL H. LOOFBOURROW, who ranks among the successful and progressive agriculturists of Fayette County, was born in Madison Township, in the house in which he is at present residing January 31, 1861. He is the son of Lemuel P. and Elizabeth (Graham) Loofbourrow who are still living, making their home in Mt. Sterling. Our subject was reared on the home farm and when reaching his majority went to Summer County, Kan., where he remained about three years engaged in farming.

On his return from the West, our subject was married February 9, 1887, to Miss Alta, daughter of Edwin and Elizabeth (Timmons) Clarridge. She is a native of this county and township, her birth occurring February 3, 1864. To them have been granted a family of four children, viz: Oel E., who was born November 29, 1887; Gertrude, March 3, 1889; Grace Inez, June 10, 1890, and Ruth October 11, 1891. Mr. Loufbourrow has always resided upon the home farm, which includes two hundred and seventy well-improved acres, with the exception of the time spent in Kansas. He cast his first Presidential vote for Cleveland in 1884, and while in Kansas served as



Amos J. Howard

School Director. In social matters, he is a Knight of Pythias and with his wife is highly respected in the county where they make their home.

Mrs. Loufbourrow's father, who is now deceased, was born in Madison Township, this county, October 9, 1826. He also followed farming for a time, and, having been given an excellent education, taught school for a number of years in Clarksburg, and Waterloo. He was married October 4, 1859, to Elizabeth Timmons, who was also born in this county, April 5, 1835. They became the parents of three children, of whom Mrs. Loufbourrow was the second-born. Her sister Inez is now Mrs. B. W. Leavell, and her brother Howard, who was born September 6, 1873, resides at home. Mr. Clarridge died May 6, 1882, and his wife still resides in Madison Township. Previous to her marriage with the father of Mrs. Loufbourrow, she was the wife of John Leavell, by whom she became the mother of one child, Benjamin, who makes his home in Chicago.

AMOS J. HOWARD. The name of this gentleman will long be remembered in Southern Ohio as one of the sturdy and true-hearted pioneers who aided in the progress of Summerford Township, Madison County. In many affairs, both public and private, he did good service to the vicinity, developing the material resources of the country and advancing the welfare of the people. Side by side with him, his excellent wife labored for many years, they being thoroughly identified with the progress of the community, with whose most highly respected and useful pioneers they were classed.

The original of this sketch and of the accompanying portrait was born in Grafton County, N. H., March 29, 1803, and was a lad of six years when his parents moved to Virginia, where they remained for one winter. In 1809, they came to Ohio, the elder Mr. Howard locating in what is now Summerford Township. Here Amos J. grew to manhood, his early life being passed in much the same fashion as that of other boys of his age—attending the common schools and being trained to farm pursuits. He, however, made the best of his opportunities in an educational way and taught school for a number of years in his district. His chief business in life, however, was that of farming and stock-raising, in which he was more than ordinarily successful. At one time he was the proprietor of an estate which comprised fifteen hundred broad acres. He adorned his place with a substantial set of all the necessary farm buildings, and made upon it first-class improvements.

Mr. Howard was married in what is now Summerford Township, December 23, 1825, to Rachael Kirkley, who was born in this township, July 8, 1811. She was reared to womanhood in this locality, where she has always resided, with the exception of one year spent in Champaign County.

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard was born a family of nine children, viz: Napoleon, who was a druggist in Lima, Ohio; Mary J., the wife of Judge Lawrence Weldon; Miriam, who died when nineteen years of age; John Mills, a farmer in Champaign County; Clinton, a resident of Pana, Ill.; Benton, who died in his twenty-sixth year; Edwin M., who departed this life when twenty-four years of age; Marion, a farmer in this township, and Elizabeth, who departed this life when a young lady of nineteen years. The mother of these children died at her home in this township, September 4, 1858.

The lady whom our subject chose as his second wife was Miss Elizabeth Ann Cowan, their marriage being celebrated in Missouri, March 24, 1861. Mrs. Howard was born in Delaware County, N. Y., July 27, 1821, and was fourteen years of age when she went with her mother to Canada, whence they came, three years later, to Ohio. She began to teach school when fifteen years of age, which occupation she followed much of the time for twenty-four years. She is a most intelligent and cultured lady and aided her husband greatly in attaining the high standing which he occupied in this community.

Amos J. Howard departed this life in Summerford Township, April 16, 1882, greatly mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was

a liberal contributor to the Episcopal Church, and socially, was a member of the Masonic fraternity and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. With few advantageous surroundings, with no monied capital, he nevertheless acquired a competence which enabled his family to live in comfort. He possessed those sterling traits of character that mark a thoroughly conscientious and upright man, and was greatly respected by all about him.

WILLIAM ERB. When a man is known to have labored hard to make his way in the world, it is a source of gratification to his friends to know that he has succeeded in reaching a height that enables him to "take life easy." This is the case with the gentleman above named, whose career should encourage others to renewed energy, as it was not luck but pluck that brought a competence. For many years a prominent agriculturist of Madison County, he is now living retired in Lilly Chapel, where his home is supplied with all the comforts of life.

Martin Erb, the father of our subject, was a native of Baden, Germany, while his mother, Catherine, had her birth in the same country. She departed this life in Missouri, when our subject was a lad, his father dying in Harrison County, Ind., in 1862. They were the parents of six children, of whom William, who was born April 5, 1827, in Baden, Germany, was the second in order of birth. He was an infant of eighteen months when his parents emigrated to the New World, and was here reared to farming pursuits. When old enough to do for himself, he engaged in working out for other parties and for several years was employed as fireman on a steamboat plying the Ohio River.

In February, 1852, Mr. Erb came to Madison County, and for four years worked for the late John Byers. At the end of that time, he went to Pennsylvania, where he was married and resided for eighteen months and then returning to this county, cultivated rented land in Fairfield Township for five years. In the fall of 1862, he enlisted in Company C, Eighty-eighth Ohio Infantry, and served in the Union army for two years and nine months, being mustered out at Camp Chase, near Columbus, this State, July 4, 1865.

On returning from the field of battle, our subject purchased land in Jefferson Township, and after a residence there of five years, sold out and purchased another farm of one hundred acres in the same township, which he operated for nine years. In the fall of 1881, he removed with his family to Lilly Chapel, where he owns a nice brick residence and is living retired from active work of any kind.

The lady to whom our subject was married in Beaver County, Pa., March 20, 1856, was Miss Caroline Gerhart, who was also a native of Baden, Germany, having been born January 22, 1838. She was the daughter of Christian and Magdalena Gerhart, also natives of the Fatherland, but who are now deceased, the mother passing away in Columbus, and the father while residing in West Jefferson. To Mr. and Mrs. Erb has been born a family of seven children, five of whom are living. Matilda married Samuel Sidner; Katie became the wife of William Neff; John married Belle Rine; Mary is now Mrs. Frank Horn; and Maggie became Mrs. Wesley Lilly. Our subject and his wife are members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are enjoying the respect and confidence of their many acquaintances.

ABRAHAM L. HASTINGS, jeweler of Mt. Sterling, is one of the self-made men of Madison County. He was born in Muhlenburg Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, July 31, 1850, and is one of nine children who were born unto Kendall W. and Hester A. (Mitchell) Hastings. His father, a native of Putnam County, Ohio, was born December 25, 1826, and his mother was born in Pickaway County, July 8, 1830. Mr. Hastings follows farming and now resides in Van Wert County. Seven children are yet living: John G., a farmer residing in Auglaize County, Ohio, who has two children; William, who resides with his family upon a

farm in the same county; Isaac, a machinist of Payne, Ohio, is married and has two children; Mary J. is the wife of Dr. Worley, a practicing physician of Wetsel, Ohio; Mrs. Druzella Moore is living in Van Wert, Ohio, and has three children; and Mrs. Mattie B. Sween resides with her three children in Melrose, Ohio.

Our subject grew to manhood upon a farm, his father having removed to a farm in Madison County, near Range. He acquired a good English education in the common schools, and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, when he started out in life for himself, working by the month for about two years. As a companion and helpmate on life's journey, he chose Miss Anna A. Woodman, of Range, their union being celebrated February 6, 1873. She was born in Dayton, Ohio, May 2, 1848, and is a daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann (Carr) Woodman.

After his marriage, Mr. Hastings followed various occupations for two years, and then engaged in building fences for three years. After that time, he engaged in farming on rented land for two years. Subsequently, he removed with his family to Mt. Sterling, and established what has developed into his present business. He began with only a bench, and repaired watches and clocks. He is a natural mechanic. As a boy, he was always working in that line, and his genius and enterprise insure his success. Since coming to Mt. Sterling, in 1880, he has constantly enlarged his business until he now carries a jewelry stock valued at $2,000, and does a large amount of repair work, his trade being almost greater than he can attend to.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hastings were born seven children, but five died in infancy. The two still living are Iva Florence, who was born in Range, Madison County, November 21, 1873, and was graduated from the Mt. Sterling High School in June, 1892; and Auloa Anna, who was born in Mt. Sterling, May 4, 1888.

Mr. Hastings cast his first Presidential vote in 1872 for Horace Greeley, and has since been a Democrat. He served as a member of the City Council, but refused the office of Justice of the Peace, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business interests. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Mystic Circle. Whatever success he has achieved in life is due to his own efforts. He well deserves the liberal patronage which he receives, for his life has been a busy and useful one.

JOSEPH MARION PARRETT, who is one of the best-known residents of Union Township, Fayette County, is a son of Joseph Parrett, who was born in Virgina in 1811, and spent his early days in the Shenandoah Valley. At the age of eighteen, he came to Ohio with his parents, Isaac and Mary Parrett, about the year 1830, and settled in Ross County, Ohio. After some eight or ten years, the family moved to Fayette County, where Joseph Parrett was united in marriage with Elizabeth Harper, daughter of John Harper, a prominent farmer of the county.

After this marriage, the young people settled in Jefferson Township, Fayette County, and lived there until their death, the wife passing from earth about the year 1845, and the husband living until the 1st of April, 1876. He was married a second time, to a widow, Mrs. Glaze, of Fayette County.

Joseph Parrett had a farm of four hundred and twenty acres of land in Jefferson Township. Three of his children are still living, the eldest of whom, James M., enlisted in the Ninetieth Ohio Infantry, and suffered much in health during his term of service, and finally died of measles, having just returned home. He was a young man of character and promise, and was deeply mourned by those who knew him. Following him are Emeline, who married Mr. Saucus, and has now passed from life; our subject; Christiana, who married Daniel Webster Kestler, and makes her home on the old homestead, and Lewis Hamilton, who has a farm in Paint Township.

The father of our subject was a successful man and prominent in his neighborhood. He was a

Deacon in the Presbyterian Church for twenty years. In his political tendencies, he was a Democrat. His son, our subject, was born May 11, 1843, in Jefferson Township, Fayette County, and had his education at home in the district schools. After concluding his studies, he worked for his father upon the farm about a year and a half before he was married, and then removed to the farm where he now lives, which was purchased for him by his father. On the 17th of August, 1872, he was united in marriage with Hulda Wright, daughter of a prominent farmer of this county, Allen Wright.

The young couple after marriage went home to the farm, and it has been their home ever since. In this farm there are now two hundred and forty-one acres, all well improved and in a good state of cultivation. Grain is the principal product raised upon the farm, but Mr. Parrett pays some attention to stock. Mrs. Parrett is a lady of more than ordinary amiability and strength of character, and is esteemed most highly in her neighborhood. Mr. Parrett is an excellent manager, and has the respect and good-will of the community. His political views bring him into harmony with the Democratic party, but in local politics he always votes for the man whom his judgment endorses as best for the position. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and an active worker therein, and his fellow-members have made him one of the Trustees, for his business reputation and integrity give him the confidence of that body.

GEORGE H. PONTIUS. It is a trite observation that "there is no royal road to fortune," and this just statement is fully verified by a study of the lives of the successful business men of Ohio. When such a man as George H. Pontius starts out for himself, as he did, with no pecuniary help and with no fortune except good health and robust strength, and yet succeeds in securing a fine property and that degree of confidence which allows him to live in the enjoyment of the good things of life, we can surely realize that the old saying has not outgrown its lease of life.

The original of this sketch is President of the School Board of Circleville, was Clerk of Pickaway County, and is now engaged in the active practice of law, being a member of the firm of Folson & Pontius. He is truly a self-made man, as he began at the bottom round of the ladder of life and has worked his way up to his present high position in business circles. He was born in Washington Township, just two and one-half miles east of Circleville, August 6, 1856, which was the birthplace of Amos Pontius, his father.

The grandfather of our subject, Daniel Pontius, was a native of Pennsylvania and was one of the early settlers in this State, where he became the proprietor of a large estate, numbering sixteen hundred acres. He was an active worker in the United Brethren Church, to the support of which body he was a liberal contributor. The father of our subject was reared to man's estate in this county and received his education in the primitive log schoolhouse. When starting out in life for himself, he became the proprietor of a quarter-section of land, which he improved and operated until his removal to Circleville. He was very prominent in township affairs, holding many of the minor offices, the duties of which he discharged in a creditable manner. The United Brethren Church, of which the family were members, was located on a part of the old homestead.

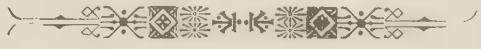
The maiden name of our subject's mother was Catherine Earnhort; she was a native of this county, her birth occurring in Washington Township. Mrs. Pontius was a daughter of William Earnhort, a native of Maryland, and an early settler on the Pickaway Plains, where he became the proprietor of a large tract of land. He later located in Washington Township, where he made his home until his decease. He was a conscientious member of the United Brethren Church. Mrs. Pontius departed this life in 1889, after having become the mother of six children, five of whom are living. The original of this sketch is the third eldest in the family and remained under the parental roof attending the common schools, until reaching his eighteenth year. He then began teaching

school, thus paying his own way through college, being a graduate of the National Normal School at Lebanon, finishing with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1879. He then returned to Circleville, where his father was residing, and engaged in teaching school. In the fall of 1884, he was elected County Clerk on the Democratic ticket with an increased majority. He was re-elected to that position in 1887, and thus has many friends throughout the county.

Immediately on the close of his college career, Mr. Pontius chose the profession of law, and while a teacher studied under Judge Winstead, and in March, 1888, was admitted to the Ohio Bar by the Supreme Court. February 9, 1891, he formed his present partnership with H. P. Folson, and is engaged in the regular practice of law. December 8, 1887, Mr. Pontius was married to Miss Ora Hall, who was born in Logansport, Ind., but was reared and educated in Circleville. She was orphaned at an early age by the death of her parents, and was then taken into the home of her uncle, Stephen Miller, and given a good education at Ladoga, Ind. To Mr. and Mrs. Pontius has been born one son, Miller H.

He of whom we write is President of the County Board of Elections and was the first President in this county under the Australian Law. He is also a member and Director of the Opera House Company and a member and Director of the Board of Trade, of which organization he has been Secretary. Socially, he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar and Knights of Pythias. He is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which denomination he is one of the Trustees. His political views led him to identify himself with the Democratic party, and in 1890 he served as Chairman of the County Central Committee. Mr. Pontius resides in a comfortable home on East Main Street, in the city of Circleville.

Mr. Pontius has been very successful in all his undertakings and at the present time is a member of the Circleville Land Improvement Company. He has traveled perhaps more than any other man of his age in the county, in 1879 spending two weeks in Canada and sailing on the Lakes. In 1886, he crossed the Western plains and the Rocky Mountains, visiting the various places of interest in Colorado, Utah, California, Oregon and Washington, and spent several days in the beautiful and picturesque National Park. In 1887, he took a trip East, visiting the large cities, but returned thoroughly satisfied with his Western home. In 1891, he took a trip to New Orleans, and thus has visited the various States, North, South, East and West. Mr. Pontius has ever taken an active part in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the locality and State, and is an enterprising business man, of broad and intelligent views. He is deservedly very popular, as he has always proved honest and true to the trusts reposed in him.



CLAY JOHNSON, a grocer of Mt. Sterling, is a successful business man and a prominent citizen of the community. He was born in Lancaster, Ohio, January 16, 1857, and is a son of William and Malinda (Hunter) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Fairfield County, Ohio, and were of English descent. The father lost his life by the caving in of a gravel bank and, at the age of two, our subject went to live with his maternal grandfather, Andrew Hunter, a farmer of Fairfield County, with whom he remained until he was about ten years of age. He then went to live with his mother, who had married again. She still survives, and makes her home in Rich Valley, Ind.

Mr. Johnson remained with his mother until about seventeen years of age, when he started out in life for himself and has since been dependent upon his own resources. For a time he operated his step-father's farm in the summer months, and in winter attended school at Lancaster and Royalton, in Fairfield County, thus acquiring a good education. He was married on the 20th of December, 1876, to Miss Anna Williamson, a native of Fairfield County, born September 10, 1856, and a daughter of Isaac N. and Elizabeth (Peters) Will-

iamson. Unto them have been born five children, three sons and two daughters: Lillie P., born in Bloom Township, Fairfield County, January 25, 1878; Glenn H., born in Royalton, August 28, 1880; Emma Belle, born in Royalton, November 21, 1882; James Blaine, born June 1, 1885, and died December 8, 1886; and Clay, born in Mt. Sterling, on the 23d of April, 1891.

After his marriage, Mr. Johnson bought a house and lot in Royalton and seven and a half acres of land one mile from the town, where he made his home while engaged in farming. He continued to carry on agricultural pursuits until 1888, when he abandoned that work and engaged in general merchandising in Royalton. Two years later, he sold out at that place and established a store in Mt. Sterling. Purchasing a lot, he built his store upon it and opened its doors to the general public in May, 1890. He now has a good trade, and by honest dealing has secured the confidence and good-will of the people. His courteous treatment has won him a liberal patronage, of which he is well deserving.

Mr. Johnson exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican party, his first vote being cast for Gen. J. A. Garfield in 1880. Socially, he is a member of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America. Himself, wife and daughter are all members of the Methodist Church and Mr. Johnson is Clerk of the Board of Trustees. He is a self-made man, financially, and deserves great credit for his success in life, which has been won by industry, perseverance and good management. Mr. Johnson was elected a City Councilman at the spring election of 1892, receiving the largest number of votes of any of the nine candidates.

GEORGE R. FITZGERALD, well known as one of the most enterprising farmers in Fairfield Township, is a fine representative of the class that has done so much toward the upbuilding of Madison County, and establishing its prosperity on a firm foundation. He is a son of the late Hon. Edward Fitzgerald, who was born in Hampshire County, Va., August 26, 1806. The lady to whom he was married October 15, 1827, was Miss Lacy Ann Taylor, also a native of Virginia, her birth occurring in February, 1810.

Immediately after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald started for this State, and, stopping in Newark, there remained until the following spring, when they removed to Lancaster, which place was their home until April, 1829. After that date, they resided in this township until their decease, the father dying September 25, 1890, and the mother on February 5, 1888. The father of our subject was a very prominent man in his day, and was a member of the Ohio Legislature during the session of 1846-47. He was also Associate Judge for two years, and was truly one of Madison County's leading citizens.

Our subject was the youngest in the parental family of eleven children, his birth occurring in Fairfield Township, September 11, 1851. He here grew to manhood, and received a fair education, remaining under the parental roof until his marriage. He was associated with his father in farming and stock-raising until the death of the latter, since which time he has operated his estate, which comprises two hundred and fourteen acres.

November 17, 1875, Mr. Fitzgerald and Miss Emma L., daughter of Lawrence and Elizabeth (Phillips) Crookham, were united in marriage. The mother of Mrs. Fitzgerald died in Pickaway County in January, 1881, and the father, who is a well-to-do farmer, is still living in this county. They reared a family of five children, of whom Emma L. was the fourth in order of birth, and was born September 1, 1852. She was given a good education, and has been of great assistance to her husband in attaining his present high standing in the agricultural community.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald have two children: Warnie T. and Seisel P. The wife and mother departed this life at her residence in Fairfield Township December 4, 1891, greatly mourned by a large circle of relatives and friends. In his political relations, our subject votes with the Republican party, and in social matters is a member of Darby Lodge 770, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Fitzgerald was

an intelligent and courteous lady, devoted to her family and friends. But it was within her home, however, that her deepest love found expression and her noblest qualities were best appreciated; she was a devoted helpmate and loving wife, and was one whose friends were as numerous as her acquaintances.

CHARLES BRADLEY is an intelligent, wide-awake young farmer, a native of Madison County, who has contributed to its growth by improving a good farm that is located in Monroe Township, nine miles southwest of Plain City. This township is his birthplace, and he was born August 15, 1855. He is descended from the early pioneer stock of the county, his grandfather, Jonah Bradley, a Virginian, coming here when the country was a wilderness, with but few white settlers. The father of our subject, John Bradley, was born amid the pioneer scenes of Monroe Township, and here, in due time, he was married to Sarah A. Jones, who was born in Deer Creek Township, this county, seventy years ago, and is living in the enjoyment of a pleasant old age. After marriage, the parents of our subject located in Monroe Township, and here the father spent his entire life, and when he died, at the age of sixty-five, he was greatly missed in the community whereof he had been a useful and valued citizen, and where he was held in genuine respect.

Our subject is the sixth child and fourth son of a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom four are living. His boyhood was passed on his father's farm in performing the labors that fell to his share, and in attending the district school. He continued to live with his parents until his marriage, in the autumn of 1878, and was engaged in working the old homestead on shares. After his marriage, he still continued to reside on the farm for about three years, and then hired from his father's estate his present farm, which comprises two hundred and twenty-four acres of land that is exceedingly fertile, and under Mr. Bradley's skillful cultivation yields abundant harvests. He has made all the improvements, which are of a substantial order, the property being covered with woods when it came into his possession. He has put up a good class of buildings, and in 1882 erected a neat and well-built two-story frame house, at a cost of $1,500. He does a general farming business and has his farm well stocked. Mr. Bradley has proved himself an honor to the citizenship of his native township and county, and is looked upon with favor by all who have known him as boy and man, and have watched his career as an intelligent, hard-working agriculturist. Politically, he is a Republican of the true stamp; socially, he is a member of London Lodge No. 70, I. O. O. F.

Our subject was married September 26, 1878, to Miss Maggie, the fifth child and fourth daughter of William and Alice (Wilson) Daley. She, too, is a native of Ohio, born in Logan County May 4, 1851. She was reared in Champaign, Union and Madison Counties. She is a true wife to her husband, a helpmate and companion, and their wedded life has brought them two children, Marion C. and Raymond D.

WALTER C. DARST. The Democratic Daily and Weekly *Herald*, which is published in the city of Circleville, is owned by Messrs. Murphy & Darst. The paper was established in 1870, by McCollister & Wolfly. In 1876, the sister of our subject, Miss Lillie C. Darst, took charge of the paper, and managed it successfully until 1883, in April of which year she died. The above-named firm then purchased the plant, and have successfully operated it from that date.

The original of this sketch was born August 9, 1858, and is the son of Jacob and Anna B. (Brower) Darst. The father was born in West Jefferson, this State, where he was a prominent dry-goods merchant, and there remained until his decease, which occurred in 1883.

Walter C. Darst received a good education in the Everts school, and in 1876 entered the print-

ing office to learn the trade. A few years later, he purchased the plant of his employer, and in June, 1884, started the daily. He was married in Norfolk, Va., in 1888, to Miss Daisy Bates, a native of Kentucky. Socially, Mr. Darst is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and in politics, votes the straight Democratic ticket. He is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church, to the support of which body he contributes liberally and cheerfully.

JOHN G. LOOFBOURROW, Cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Mt. Sterling, was born in Fayette County, Ill., on the 27th of October, 1845. His parents, Lemuel P. and Elizabeth (Graham) Loofbourrow, were both natives of the Buckeye State, being born and reared in the vicinity of Mt. Sterling. For a time, the father engaged in farming and merchandising in Illinois, but the year 1857 witnessed his return to Fayette County, Ohio.

Our subject was then a lad of twelve years. He remained upon the farm and aided in its cultivation until 1867, and during that time acquired a good education, his early advantages being supplemented by a course at Holbrook's Normal School, of Lebanon, where he remained a year and a half. He began teaching at the age of nineteen and followed that profession for a year and a half. In the fall of 1867, he came to Mt. Sterling and secured a position as clerk in a drug store, where he remained for three years. He then purchased the stock of drugs and embarked in business in that line for himself, carrying on the store for three years. He next became interested in the banking business, securing the position of Cashier in the Farmers' Bank in 1874. He has been its cashier from the organization, a fact which indicates his fidelity and faithfulness. Previous to this, in the fall of 1873, after selling out his drug store, he went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and took a course in Eastman's Business College, from which he was graduated with honor in 1874. He then returned and accepted his present position. He is one of ten partners who are equal stockholders in the bank.

On the 19th of May, 1874, Mr. Loofbourrow was united in marriage with Miss Hulda Kauffelt, of Mt. Sterling. Unto them have been born three sons and one daughter: Ross K., who was born in March, 1876; Lemuel G., John R. and Delle E. The parents are both members of the Presbyterian Church, take an active part in its work, and our subject has served as Elder since 1888. He was reared in the Democratic party, but thinks that politics consists mostly of a struggle between the old parties for the spoils. He has served as Township Clerk, but has never been an office-seeker. Mr. Loofbourrow is recognised, as an honorable, upright business man, and the success of the Farmers' Bank is due largely to his untiring efforts and his popularity. He is a progressive and public-spirited citizen, who takes an active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the community, and has given his support to all enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit.

WILLIAM D. GIBSON. The subject of this sketch is engaged in the tobacco and cigar business at Washington C. H., where he is building up a lucrative trade, carrying the best grade of goods to be found in the city. He is a very pleasant and genial gentleman, whose friends are as numerous as his acquaintances. He is the son of William Gibson, who was born in South Carolina, his parents being respectively Scotch and Welsh. The elder Mr. Gibson later removed to this State, locating in Greene County in 1832. He was married to Miss Margaret Dougherty, who was of Welsh descent, and who bore him six children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, but only one of whom is living at the present time. They bore the respective names of Eliza, James, Jane, Joseph, Rebecca and William D.

The father of our subject, when first locating in Greene County, purchased a tract of one hundred and three acres, upon which he resided until his death. In politics, he was a Republican, and in

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religious matters was a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which denomination he held the office of Elder. He was an active worker and liberal contributor to the support of his denomination, and passed from this life firm in his faith.

William D. Gibson was born November 4, 1820, in York, S. C., being educated in the schools of that district and in his new home in this State. When fourteen years of age, he began clerking in a dry-goods store, holding that position for about three months, when he started in that line of business for himself, being backed by a wealthy gentleman, who furnished him with a capital of $3,000. He opened his store at Jamestown, and at the early age of fourteen, had the responsibility of running a large establishment, employing two clerks. A year later, he went to New York City and bought a fresh stock of goods, and continued to have the support of his wealthy friend for six years.

In 1848, the original of this sketch removed to Bloomingburgh, where he continued in the dry-goods business until 1871. At that date, he came to Washington C. H. and clerked in the store of J. L. Van Deman & Co., and for other firms, until 1888, when, after a rest of two years, he started out in the retail cigar and tobacco trade.

Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Strong November 23, 1842. Mrs. Gibson was a native of Ohio, and passed from this life March 12, 1848. September 12, 1849, he married Miss Sarah A. Sheets, by whom he became the father of four children, all deceased: Ella B., Ada, Frank and James. She died September 10, 1857. The present wife of our subject, to whom he was married August 9, 1858, bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Pinkerton. They are the parents of the following-named children: William A., who is a music teacher in the city; Walter, a telegraph operator at Musselman; Lyda M., married J. M. Minturn, who is a book-keeper for Dahl & Baer, at Washington C. H.; Joe M. is a broker, in business at Richmond, Ind.; Lena Louise, at home; Harry E., residing in Mobile, Ala.; Roy S., at home, and Lucy Irene, who died May 22, 1870, and also James, who died December 27, 1870.

In his political relations, our subject is a Republican, and takes an active interest in all local affairs. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which denomination his wife also belongs. He has made a success of his business, and ranks among the well-to-do and progressive citizens of the place. Mr. Gibson was a strong Unionist during the war, and was only prevented from offering his services to defend his country's honor on account of physical disability. He was very patriotic, however, and hired a substitute for $600. He is the possessor of considerable real estate in this city, and is in fair circumstances.

JOHN MORRIS. This gentleman, who holds the responsible position of Superintendent of the Pickaway County Infirmary, is one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the county, where he is favorably and widely known, and where his friends are as numerous as his acquaintances.

Mr. Morris, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is a native of Washington Township, his birth occurring October 7, 1831. He is the son of Ezekiel Morris, who was born in 1801 in Virginia. His father, also named John Morris, hailed from the Dominion and emigrated to Ohio in an early day, where he was among the pioneers of Walnut Township. He entered land from the Government, which he cleared and placed under the best of cultivation. In that early day, when going to market, he was obliged to blaze the trees in order to find his way home through the dense forests. He was a patriot in the War of 1812 and passed from this life in 1840. The father of our subject was one in a family of eleven children, four of whom are living. When starting out on his own account, he followed the occupation of a farmer in Walnut Township. Later, however, he removed to Washington Township, where he purchased a farm and continued to reside until his death, which occurred June 27, 1891, when in his ninetieth year. He was greatly respected in his community and was the incumbent of many positions of responsibility and trust, serving two terms as Commissioner of Pickaway County and

Justice of the Peace many years. He possessed the entire confidence of his fellow-citizens and was often called upon to settle estates, which he always did in a most satisfactory manner. He was a gentleman who made the most of his opportunities and possessed a good understanding of law, which thus qualified him to occupy positions of responsibility.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Catherine Bowman. She was born in Virginia in 1809 and emigrated to this State in an early day with her parents, who settled in Washington Township, Pickaway County. She passed from this life in 1883, in the seventy-fourth year of her age, firm in the faith of the Lutheran Church. The six children of the parental family included four daughters and two sons, all of whom are living with one exception.

The educational advantages of our subject, like those of most pioneer youths, were limited, but he acquired enough to give him an impetus to go on by himself, and ranks to-day among the intelligent and well-to-do citizens of the county. The temples of learning in that early day in this State were rude indeed, being built of logs, with puncheon floor and slab seats. Our subject began to battle with life on his own account when twenty-five years of age and operated a sawmill in Ashville for about twelve years. He then abandoned that line of work and, locating in Walnut Township, followed the occupation of a farmer for five years.

In 1871, Mr. Morris engaged in the distilling business at Circleville, the firm name being Morris, Steele & Co., they operating thus for five years. In 1872, he was appointed to his present position of Superintendent of the Pickaway County Infirmary, which office he fills with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. He was the first to occupy the large handsome brick asylum which had just been completed at the time of his appointment, and where he has charge of sixty-five inmates. He has also been given the supervision of the Children's Home, which is located on the same farm and is the home of thirty children. This farm contains two hundred and fifty-nine acres on sections 11 and 14, all of which is carried on under the direct supervision of Mr. Morris, in whom the people have complete confidence.

In 1866, Miss Elizabeth Gibson became the wife of our subject. She was born in Pennsylvania and is the daughter of Thomas Gibson, who emigrated to this State when she was a child. Her parents died in Van Wert County, where they were residents. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have had a family of eight children, viz.: William (deceased), Mary, Edward, Minnie, Bertie and Alice (deceased), Nettie, and one that died in infancy.

In politics, Mr. Morris is a Democrat, believing that party to be in the right. Mrs. Morris is a member in good standing of the Lutheran Church and is active in all good works. Our subject is the proprietor of one hundred and fifty-three and one-half acres of valuable land on section 4, Washington Township, which bears all the improvements of a first-class estate.

BRANSOM DAVIS. The persistent industry and good judgment of Mr. Davis have been rewarded and he is to-day residing on a beautiful farm situated in Greene Township, Fayette County. His estate bears all the improvements which will be found on a first-class farm, and the soil is so cultivated as to bring its owner handsome returns.

The original of this sketch is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth occurring in Crawford County December 15, 1811. He is the son of David and Hannah (Gelden) Davis, natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a farmer by occupation, and fought in the War of 1812. He came West to Ohio in 1813, and, locating in Pike County, remained there for a twelvemonth, when he removed to Highland County. In 1816, he came to Fayette County and made his home on Rattlesnake Creek in Greene Township. This section was little more than a wilderness in that early day, but Mr. Davis, like many of the other pioneers, set about subduing nature, building cabins, and clearing and cultivating his fields. Wild game was plentiful, thus the family

did not suffer for fresh meat, as animals of every description could be had for the shooting. The settlers were very few, there being only three houses between that occupied by Mr. Davis and Washington C. H., a distance of nine miles. The father of our subject disposed of the above-named purchase and bought a tract on Lee's Creek, same township, where he was residing at the time of his decease, in 1855. His good wife survived him a short time, her death taking place the following year.

The parental family of our subject included eight children, only two of whom are living. Bransom was reared on the home farm, and received but a limited education in the district school. He has been an important factor in helping to develop this portion of the county, and has watched with interest the gradual evolution of the land from its original wildness into cultivated and productive fields and thriving towns.

When twenty-one years of age, Bransom Davis started out to make his own way in the world, and, choosing an occupation, became a farmer, to which calling he had been reared. In 1834, he was married to Jane, daughter of John and Polly (Rowe) Draper, natives of Virginia, where they were married and whence they came to the Buckeye State in an early day, being among the early settlers of Greene Township, Fayette County. Mrs. Davis was born in 1806 and died in 1868. By her union with our subject were born four children, two of whom are living: Maria, Mrs. Benjamin Tudor, resides in Indiana and has two children, and Jane, the wife of Ferrill Patton. The latter make their home in Greene Township, and are the parents of four children.

June 17, 1870, Mr. Davis was the second time married, the lady of his choice being Sidney Ann (Clapps) Draper, the widow of Richard Draper, the brother of our subject's first wife. Of the nine children born to her parents four are now living: James Harvey, Elijah Eddy, Margaret Ann, and Mary Ellen. After his marriage, he of whom we write settled on his father's farm, where he resided for seven years, at the end of which time he rented property until purchasing a farm of his own, which he did in 1846. Ten years later, he removed to his present abiding-place, which includes two hundred and eight acres of valuable land.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members in good standing of the Methodist Protestant Church, in which body our subject has been Steward.

In politics, he is a Democrat, casting his first vote for Andrew Jackson in 1832, and has served his fellow-townsmen acceptably as Supervisor of Roads. Our subject and his estimable wife are widely and favorably known in this locality, where they are held in high esteem.

JAMES A. GIBSON. We have here one of the oldest residents of Scioto Township, Pickaway County, who has made his home here since 1832. He is of an excellent and highly intelligent family, being a distant relative of William Gibson, the silver-tongued orator of Ohio, and is himself recognized as being one of the best-informed men in the township, having throughout life carried on a course of extensive and judicious reading.

Our subject was born in Dayton, this State, January 9,1823, and his father, Robert Gibson, who was born in Pennsylvania, July 17, 1787, was a son of James Gibson, a native of Ireland, who came to America when a young man, and settled in Pennsylvania. In his early experience in this country, while going on horseback to look up some land, he was taken from his horse and robbed by a highwayman. He bought a farm in Fulton County, Pa., which lay along the creek, and there he made a specialty of hay. His son, the father of our subject, was a farmer, and learned the trade of a tanner. He was a volunteer in the War of 1812, and served under William Henry Harrison in the Northwest campaign, and while in service helped to erect Ft. Meigs.

Robert Gibson settled in Dayton, Ohio, in 1816, and there opened a tannery and carried it on for some years. It was in 1832 that he settled in this township and began the double operation of a tannery and a farm. He was married at Eaton,

Preble County, Ohio, to Ruhama Williamson, a native of Pennsylvania, who reared to maturity six children, namely: Eleazer W., James A., Martha, Mary J., Rebecca M. and Sarah M. She died in her seventy-sixth year, and had been from girlhood a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which her husband was an Elder at the time of his death, and of which they were both active members.

Mrs. Gibson's father, Eleazer Williamson, was a native of Washington County, Pa., and served through the entire period of the Revolutionary War. He had the rank of a Captain, and until his death he drew a pension of $480 per year. He came to Ohio in 1808, journeying on flatboats down the Ohio River and up the Scioto. He located below Chillicothe, and a short time later came to this township, thus being one of the very first to settle here, if not the very first. He erected a log cabin and lived among the Indians and wolves, completing here his eighty-four years of useful and hardy life. He was a man of fine physical development and unusual natural ability, having the best characteristics of the Scotch-Irish blood, from which he was descended. He was a noted huntsman, and kept the neighborhood supplied with venison.

He of whom we write was in his tenth year when he settled in this township, and through his boyhood he studied in the old log cabin schoolhouse, furnished with slab benches, slab writing-desks on the wall, and large open fireplace. When the family came here, there was only one man in the township who owned a wagon. Deer were numerous in those days, and wild turkeys had to be shot to keep them from destroying the corn. At the age of twenty-six, the young man began life for himself, having helped his father up to that time. He learned the boot and shoe trade, and for some time carried on a store.

Our subject was married February 14, 1856, to Esther A. Crabb, who was born near London, Madison County, Ohio, October 26, 1833. Her parents, Thomas and Sarah (Satchel) Crabb, were both born in Ohio, in Ross County, of which her grandfather, Osman Crabb, was one of the first settlers. Mrs. Gibson's father was a farmer, and owned one hundred and fifty acres in Ross County, which he sold in 1853, and, coming to Pickaway County, here bought one hundred and sixty acres, upon which he lived until his death, at the age of seventy-six. Mrs. Gibson's mother died at the age of forty-one, and as there were seven children in the family, and most of them were small at the time of the mother's death, much responsibility fell upon the daughter Esther.

Our subject and his worthy wife have had born to them three children, namely: Sarah R., who is married to Littleton Gochenour, and resides on a farm in this township, and Martha A. and Mary J., who reside at home with their parents. When our subject settled here in the woods after marriage, he could not see out to the road, the forest was so dense. They lived in a log cabin, and worked hard to clear up the farm, and make the improvements which appear here to-day. Upon this farm of one hundred and ninety and one-half acres, he carries on mixed farming, raising both grain and stock. From his large flock of sheep he makes an excellent profit. Mr. Gibson was a very hard worker up to the year 1881, but since that time he has been an invalid, on account of rheumatism, and for five years has not been able to bear his weight upon his feet. He is independent in politics, and uses excellent judgment in his choice of candidates and policy of government. He has a remarkable memory, and has thus laid up in his mind much of value, which he has gained from his broad and extensive reading. His wife is an earnest and efficient member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Gibson has been Trustee of the township for one or two terms, and has frequently declined other official positions which have been offered him.

JOHN M. DEER. We herewith present the sketch of a prominent and wealthy farmer, whose beautiful estate is pleasantly situated in Concord Township, Fayette County, where he devotes his entire time and attention to its cultivation. He is the son of Absalom and

Elizabeth (Wilson) Deer, natives of Madison County, Va., where they were married, shortly after which event they came to Ohio, and located on Rattlesnake Creek, Highland County. There the father cleared and improved a wild tract of land, continuing to make that place his home for about twenty years, when he came in 1854 to this county, settling upon the old McLean farm in Union Township. There the elder Mr. Deer died in 1865, his good wife surviving until 1888, when she too passed away.

Of the parental family of eight children, two are now living, our subject and Mrs. Amy A. Patch. He of whom we write was born November 22, 1837, in Highland County, this State, where he was given a fair education in the common schools of his district. He has always followed the occupation of an agriculturist, being thoroughly trained to the duties of that calling on the home estate. He remained under the parental roof until reaching his majority, at which time he was married, December 23, 1858, to Ann Eliza McClellan, daughter of William McClellan, a native of Maine and an early settler in Concord Township.

Mrs. Deer was born March 9, 1832, in Fayette County, the birth of her parents occurring respectively August 7, 1797, and September 5, 1809. Soon after his marriage, Mr. Deer rented a farm for two years in Union Township, after which he removed to another portion of the township, making a stay of a like period. He made another removal where he remained for ten years, and then occupied the farm of Levi Rowe for five years. In 1878, our subject purchased his present estate, upon which he located the following year. It contains one hundred and thirty acres, and is known as the home farm. He is also the possessor of one hundred and twenty-two and one-half acres north of Concord Township and one hundred and thirty acres in Union Township, making an aggregate of three hundred and eighty-two and one-half acres of valuable land, which his industry has placed under cultivation. He has erected substantial and suitable buildings on his estate, having all the improvements which best subserve the interests of a first-class agriculturist. His property is thoroughly tiled and is so operated as to bring its owner handsome returns.

Mr. and Mrs. Deer have had born to them a family of six children, two of whom are deceased: James W. is a traveling salesman; Edward L. married Carrie Cline, resides in Union Township and has one child; Rufus L. took for his wife Miss Carrie Reed and makes his home in Chicago, Ill.; Cary O. is at home. They have all been given excellent educational advantages, James W. and Rufus L. being graduates of the Valparaiso (Ind.) Normal School. The youngest, Cary, is a student at Ada, Ohio.

Mrs. Deer departed this life August 24, 1886, firm in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church and greatly mourned by her numerous friends and acquaintances. Our subject is a Democrat in politics, and has served as a member of the School Board for a number of terms. At the present time he is an incumbent of the office of Township Trustee and is widely and favorably known throughout this section as a man of principles and upright and honest life. His son, James W., while a resident of Washington C. H., was Postmaster of that city.

ABEL H. JANES. The beautiful home of this gentleman is one of the pleasant sights which is seen by the traveler along the highways of Jasper Township, Fayette County. His industry and perseverance have made a success of farming, as he is at present the proprietor of one hundred and ninety-five acres of land, located in Jasper Township. It is well cultivated, Mr. Janes believing that the best methods and latest improvements in agriculture bring him in the largest returns.

William P. Janes, the father of our subject, was born in 1809, in Pendleton County, Va., and ten years later accompanied his father's family to Fayette County, locating for a year in Paint Township, later going to Jefferson Township. The present site of the village of Jefferson occupies a portion of that farm which, at the time they located

upon it, was in its original wildness; it has been in the possession of the family ever since. The elder Mr. Janes was very prominent in township affairs, and for a number of years served in the capacity of Justice of the Peace. In politics, he always cast his vote and influence in favor of Democratic principles and candidates, believing that party to be in the right. William P. departed this life in 1866, greatly mourned by all who knew him.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Mary Mock; she was born in Greene County, this State, in 1814, and was the daughter of John Mock, a native of North Carolina. The latter was a patriot in the War of 1812, and located in Greene County in an early day. He later removed to Jefferson Township, Fayette County, where he passed his last days. Mrs. Janes died in 1883, after having become the mother of twelve children, eight of whom are living. Two sons participated in the Civil War, Evan L. and he of whom we write. Mrs. Janes was a member in good standing of the Methodist Protestant Church, and died firm in the faith of that body.

The original of this sketch was born February 11, 1839, on the old Janes homestead, where he grew to manhood and received a district-school education. He did much hard pioneer work in the early days, and, when old enough, began life for himself on the old homestead. On the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in Company H, Sixtieth Ohio Infantry, joining his regiment in the Shenandoah Valley. He participated in the engagement at Harper's Ferry, where he was taken prisoner, but was soon paroled. He was then sent to Annapolis, going on foot from Harper's Ferry, and from that city to Baltimore, and thence to Chicago, where he was mustered out. In 1864, Mr. Janes again enlisted in defense of his country, and became a member of Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio Infantry, being mustered in as First Lieutenant. He participated in the Morgan raid, and received his honorable discharge at the expiration of his term of enlistment. His soldiers were known as the "Squirrel Hunters." They were State militia. While a member of the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Regiment, our subject was again taken prisoner, June 11, 1864, at Cynthiana, Ky., while on the Morgan raid, and he received very cruel treatment; he was afterward paroled near Claysville, that State.

Miss Almeda Hays was married in January, 1867, to our subject. She was the daughter of Morgan Hays, a resident of Paint Township, Fayette County, where he has attained to the ripe old age of seventy-two years. Mrs. Janes was born April 2, 1845, in Fayette County, where she was given a good education and received a certificate to teach. He of whom we write moved on his present farm in 1868, where he has his entire acreage under cultivation, with the exception of fifty acres. He is engaged in general farming, and his success in that line has placed him in the foremost rank among the agriculturists in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Janes have become the parents of five children, four of whom are living, namely: William M., Cass G., Jennie P. and Chester H. They have all been given good educations, and are well fitted to become useful and progressive citizens. Mr. Janes has served on the School Board, and socially is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Milledgeville, having been through all the chairs of that organization. He is a member of the I. Gilbert Grand Army Post, of Jeffersonville, and in politics is a Republican, with which party he has always cast his vote. He stands high among his fellow-men, who regard him as a man whose word is as good as his bond, and in public life he has represented them as Trustee of Jasper Township.

MORGAN J. JENKINS, M. D. Among the British-American citizens of Plain City none is more worthy of respect and notice than he whose name appears at the head of this brief narrative, as his private life in our midst and his professional standing place him in the front rank. He was born in South Wales, November 15, 1853. His father, Thomas Jenkins, was a Congregationalist minister of Wales and

was located at Merthyr Tydvil. After his emigration to this country, he made his home in Pennsylvania, and is now in charge of a congregation in Wilkesbarre.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Ann Jones, and is also a native of Wales. She is still living and is the mother of six children, four sons and two daughters. All have lived to the years of maturity, with the exception of one who died in childhood, and he of whom we write is the second child and second son of this household. It was when he was only ten years old that his parents moved to this county, and this son had his early training and education at Johnstown, where he remained until he reached the age of seventeen. There he received his first schooling, and afterward became a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, after which he went to Richwood, Ohio, and there began the study of medicine under the guidance of Dr. P. H. Bauer. During the three years of his tutorship under this able physician, he also attended lectures at the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, spending his winters in that city. His diploma was granted him there in March, 1878, and during the same year he took up his residence in Plain City.

The political tendencies of Dr. Jenkins have brought him into active sympathy and co-operation with the Republican party, and his intelligence and professional standing have made him a leader among his fellow-citizens. He is now filling the position of Health Officer, and was for some time a member of the Board of Education. In the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to Urania Lodge No. 311, and is also a Knight Templar and a member of the Mt. Vernon Commandery. As an Odd Fellow, he is a member of Lodge No. 193, of Plain City, and he also belongs to the Knights of Pythias, being a charter member of the Plain City Lodge No. 159. He was elected Grand Outer Guard in 1890, and the following year was made Grand Inner Guard of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The professional standing of the Doctor is evinced by his membership in the State Medical Society of Ohio, also in the Central Ohio Medical Society and in the Madison and Union Counties Medical Society, and he was at one time the President of the last-named body.

The marriage of Dr. Jenkins took place in Richwood, Ohio, December 24, 1879, and he was then united with May, the eldest daughter of Oren and Ellen Beem, of that place. Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins have become the parents of two children, a son and a daughter, to whom they gave the names of Thomas and Rose. The latter was taken from them by death at the age of three years, and in her loss they feel deeply bereaved.

MAURICE BRADFIELD owns and occupies a farm of goodly size in Jefferson Township, Madison County, where the work of his hands is plainly indicated by its present condition. The property consists of one hundred and ninety-five acres and bears the usual improvements made by a man of enterprising spirit and good judgment, and presents an appearance of home comfort attractive to the passer-by.

Abner Bradfield, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania and died in Georgesville, Franklin County, this State, in 1870, where also the mother, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Luckens, departed this life. Like her husband, she was a native of the Keystone State and reared a family of seven children, of whom Maurice was the fifth in order of birth. He was born in Franklin County, January 19, 1839, and, being reared to farm pursuits, has made that calling his life occupation.

March 13, 1862, he of whom we write and Miss Jane, daughter of Robert and Ann (Stump) Worthington, were united in marriage. The parents of Mrs. Bradfield were natives of Pennsylvania and died in Pleasant Township, Franklin County, this State. They reared a family of six children, of whom Miss Jane was the eldest, her birth occurring in the above-named county, September 20, 1842.

After his marriage, our subject located on a farm in Pleasant Township, Franklin County,

where he made his home until December, 1878, when he took up his abode in this county and located on a farm in Jefferson Township, of which he is the present owner. Our subject enlisted in the one hundred days' service of 1864, and re-enlisted for twelve months, or to the close of the war, and received an honorable discharge in September, 1865.

The six children comprised in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bradfield bear the respective names of Albert W., Hermann E., Sarah A., Robert M., Bayard T. and May. Albert married Miss Rosa Lilly, Herman married Ella Summers, and Sarah is the wife of William Durflinger. In politics, Mr. Bradfield votes with the Republican party, and, religiously, his good wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which body she has many friends.

NELSON FAMULENER was born on the old Famulener homestead in the southeastern corner of Pickaway Township, April 25, 1835, and has always lived amid the pleasant scenes of his birth. He is a representative of one of the old families that came to Ohio in the early years of its settlement, and ever since he attained manhood has identified himself with the agricultural interests of Pickaway, his native county.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Jacob Famulener, and his father, Jonathan Famulener, were natives of New Jersey. The grandfather came to Ohio with his family in a very early day of its settlement and was a pioneer of Ross County, where he reclaimed a farm from the primeval wilderness. There is not one of the original family now living. The father of our subject was one of the eldest of the children, and, coming to this county in early manhood to cast in his lot with its pioneers, he became a prosperous farmer of Pickaway Township, where he spent the remainder of his life, which was brought to a close in 1875, in his seventy-seventh year. It is supposed that the Famuleners are descended from the old Quaker stock of New Jersey. The mother of our subject, who was born in Pennsylvania, February 21, 1803, and emigrated to Ohio with her parents, is still living at a venerable age. Her maiden name was Anna Long. She is the mother of five children, as follows: William, a farmer, who is married and lives in Knox County, Ill.; Jacob, a farmer, who is married and lives in Warren County, Ill.; John, deceased; Nelson; and Rachel, wife of Thomas Brundige.

He to whom these lines refer grew up on the old farm amid pioneer surroundings, gaining his education in the primitive log schoolhouse of the times, which was furnished with slab seats, and had none of the conveniences of the modern school. He has always lived on the homestead that belonged to his father, and since it came into his possession, has kept it up to the same high standard of cultivation and improvement that it had attained while he was assisting his father in its management in the years that followed his majority. The farm, which contains two hundred and thirty-nine acres of fine, alluvial soil, and is situated on section 36, Pickaway Township, is well watered by Kinnickinnick Creek, which runs through it, and is remarkably productive. On another page will be noticed a view of the place. It is amply supplied with buildings of a good class and with modern machinery, and is well adapted to general farming purposes, to which Mr. Famulener devotes it, raising and feeding cattle, and shipping a load or two each year with good profit. Our subject is not only of large physical proportions, tipping the scales at four hundred and fifteen pounds, but he is a whole man in other directions, well balanced in mind, big-hearted, open-handed, a true friend at all times, and one to be thoroughly trusted in all things. In his political views, he is a pronounced Republican.

Mr. Famulener was married, in 1869, to Miss Elizabeth Goodman, a native of Hocking County, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Sarah (Weaver) Goodman, who were natives of Pennsylvania, and had come to Ohio with their parents when young. Her father became a prosperous farmer, and rounded out a long life of seventy-six years in 1876. His wife survived him until 1889, and then she passed away at the age of eighty-three

RESIDENCE OF NELSON FAMULENER, SEC. 36, PICKAWAY TP., PICKAWAY CO., O.

years. She was a Lutheran in religion, while her daughter of whom we write is a Presbyterian, and an active member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was the mother of twelve children, of whom ten are living. Mr. and Mrs. Famulener have had four children, of whom two are living, Samuel and Jesse. Those deceased are William, who died October 29, 1890, and Ida.

GEORGE G. BLAIR, Postmaster of West Jefferson, is worthy of honor as a veteran of the late war and enjoys the full confidence and esteem of his community. He was eighteen years of age when he entered the army, enlisting in August, 1862, in Company K, Ninety-fifth Ohio Infantry, and during his campaign life took part in a number of the most famous battles of the war and others less well known but equally hazardous to those who participated. The list includes Richmond (Ky.), Jackson (Miss.), siege of Vicksburg and Gunstown, Miss. In the last-named engagement, Mr. Blair was slightly wounded, and June 10, 1864, was taken prisoner, but was paroled the following December and exchanged April 5, 1865. He was confined in Andersonville, Millen, Ga., and Savannah, weighing at the time of his capture one hundred and sixty-one pounds; nine days after his release he weighed only one hundred and three pounds. After being exchanged, Mr. Blair returned to his regiment and took part in the siege of Mobile, and when mustered out returned to his old home in Jefferson Township.

Among the early pioneers of Madison County was Alex Blair, the great-grandfather of our subject, who was born in Virginia of Scotch parents. He died in this country in 1825, having become the father of eleven children, of whom John Blair, the grandfather of our subject, was one of the younger members. He was born near Harper's Ferry, Va., in 1788 and was a soldier in the War of 1812. In 1814, he located in London, this county, where he was engaged in the hatter's trade and remained at home until forty-five years of age, then removed to Jefferson Township, where the mother died in 1868 and the father two years later. They were the parents of seven children, of whom George W., the father of our subject, was the eldest. He was born in London, this State, May 20, 1817, and, when reaching mature years, was married to Miss Rachael C. Goodson. Two years later, the young couple located in Jefferson Township, where the mother died November 13, 1883, and the father, March 29, 1886. The elder Mr. Blair was engaged in the building of the Blair Pike from 1868 to 1870, and operated the first steam thresher in Madison County, where also he introduced the first reaping-machine.

Our subject was the second in order of birth in a family of ten children, and was born in this county and township, March 2, 1844. He was reared on the old homestead, and, as before stated, entered the army when eighteen years old. When he could not longer serve his country on the fields of battle, Mr. Blair returned home and with his father engaged in building the Blair Pike. He later was employed as foreman for Smith & Woodward, who were under contract to the Little Miami Railroad Company from 1869 to 1874. Our subject afterward engaged in the sawmill and lumber business on his own account for several years, and then selling out, rented about eight hundred acres of land in Jefferson Township, which he operated, together with the estate belonging to Samuel Woodward. He was thus employed for some three years and then began farming on the old homestead.

On removing to West Jefferson, he of whom we write was appointed Justice of the Peace and in addition to performing the duties of that office, carried on a thriving insurance business. He was appointed Postmaster of West Jefferson, in May, 1889, under Postmaster-General Wanamaker, and by the satisfactory manner in which he discharged the duties imposed upon him, has become very popular with the people in this community.

Mr. Blair, of this sketch, and Miss Esther A., daughter of William and Mary J. Clark, were united in marriage in 1866. Her parents were natives of Ireland and the father departed this life in Springfield, this State. Mrs. Blair was born in Springfield, October 15, 1839, and by her union

with our subject has become the mother of three children: Clara M., the wife of A. L. Hayes; Albert C. and Edith J. In social matters, our subject is Senior Past Grand of West Jefferson Lodge No. 412, I. O. O. F., and is connected with Post No. 389, G. A. R.. He has also served his fellow-townsmen in the position of School Director, and has always been unswerving in his allegiance to the Republican party.

HARVY D. LOMBARD. We are pleased to represent in this volume this veteran farmer of Madison County, who has long been closely identified with its agricultural interests, and has placed under improvement one of the many fine farms for which this section of the country is noted, his homestead lying in Darby Township, six miles west of Plain City.

Our subject is a native of Kentucky, and was born on the 15th of August, 1822, a son of Jesse Lombard. His father was born in Windsor County, Vt., in the year 1793, and was reared to the life of a farmer among the breezy hills of his birthplace. His father, David Lombard, was also a native of the Green Mountain State. He came to Ohio after his son had lived here several years, but he returned to Vermont to die. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Olive Carleton, and she too was a native of Vermont. She died at the age of sixty-six years. She was a daughter of Freeman Carleton, who was born in Vermont, and died there in the fulness of years. The parents of our subject had six children, three daughters and three sons: Jesse Harrison, who was born in Vermont in 1816; Laura was born in Kentucky in 1820; Harvy D.; David Ransom was born in Kentucky in 1824; Anna was born in Kentucky in 1826; and Olive was born in Ohio in 1828.

The father of our subject came to Ohio on foot, with an ax on his shoulder, and as he passed through New York, he took jobs chopping wood on the way. He stopped first, after his arrival in this State, near the present site of Columbus. Subsequently, he and another man ran a flat-boat on the Ohio River to gather up stones when the water was low. He had left his family in Vermont while he sought a suitable place for settlement, and later his father brought them on with him in a wagon, and they located on a rented farm near Covington, Ky., where they remained until they came to Madison County, in 1828. For three years after coming here, they lived in Pike Township, and then the father bought land in Darby Township, six miles west of Plain City, and lived thereon for many years, transforming it in the meantime into a goodly farm, which he finally sold, and passed his last days in Plain City, dying there at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. He was prosperous in his calling, and accumulated a comfortable property. He paid $1.25 an acre for his land, and after many years sold it at $40 an acre, having made many valuable improvements. He began life here as a pioneer, first building a log house, which in after years he replaced by a large frame house.

Our subject is the third child and second son of the family, and he was six years old when they came to Ohio. The first school that he attended, was held in a log house in Darby Township, and his education was completed in a brick schoolhouse in the same township. He remained with his father until he was twenty-one years old, and when he began farming on his own account, he rented a farm in Jefferson Township. Since that time, he has lived on his present farm in Darby Township, and is very pleasantly situated. He has one hundred acres in the home place, and two hundred and twenty acres elsewhere in the same township. His father gave him fifty acres to start with, and the remainder of the three hundred and twenty acres of which he is possessed he has acquired unaided, and its development from a tract of wild timber land is the work entirely of his own hand. His original dwelling was a comfortable log house, which he replaced by one still better, and in 1889 he built his present substantial and roomy residence at a cost of $1,500. He has his farm well stocked, and does a good general farming business, conducting his affairs with sound wisdom and with shrewdness, forethought and prudence that have won him an enviable reputation as a good farmer.

He is likewise a good citizen, and has been of much service in the public life of Darby Township, of which he was Trustee one year, and for the long period of thirty years he acted as School Director. When he was a young man, he was a Whig, and he cast his first Presidential vote for Henry Clay. In later years he has been a true follower of the Republican party.

Mr. Lombard was married in Darby Township, in 1844, to Miss Samantha McCumber, who was also born near Covington, Ky., the date of her birth being October 15, 1820. To her ready and cheerful helpfulness he was much indebted, not only for all that goes to make a home comfortable and cozy, but for the success that has followed his labors, and her death, February 4, 1885, closed a long wedded life that had been one of true happiness. It was blessed with four daughters and four sons, namely: Phœbe, widow of Harvy Bradley, and a resident of Canaan Township; D. Lamar, an agent, teacher and trader, of Plain City; Alice, wife of Henry Riddle, of Darby Township; Lucina, wife of J. H. Stewart, of Plain City; Millard F., Frank E., William A. and Ora I., the latter four residing at home with their father.

THOMAS E. BRADEN. The valuable farming and stock interests of Fayette County are in the hands of men who are gifted with push, business acumen and far-seeing enterprise, and are among the prime factors in the steady and substantial growth of this section of the State. Thomas E. Braden belongs to this class, and his farm in Wayne Township is well kept up, compares with the best in the locality in its appointments, and is admirably adapted to stock-raising, in which our subject is largely engaged.

Mr. Braden was born in Ross County in 1831 in the home of William and Jane Braden, who were natives of Ireland. The father was born in the northern part of that country, near Dublin, in 1803. His father was a farmer and land-owner there and was a man of considerable importance in his neighborhood, and was a strict Presbyterian in his religious belief. He lived to the great age of one hundred and three years.

William Braden grew to a vigorous, independent manhood on his native island, receiving a good common-school education and a thorough drilling as a farmer. In 1826, in the opening years of a promising manhood, he set sail for his old home to the shores of America, and after he landed he made his way to this State, and in Ross County established himself in the hotel business with his brother at Chillicothe. He was thus engaged for thirty years, and he then came to this county, and at Good Hope, in Wayne Township, followed gardening from 1849 until 1870. The last years of his life were spent in the home of our subject, and in 1881 he passed away at a ripe age. In politics, he was first a Democrat, but in the latter part of his life he transferred his allegiance to the Republican party.

The subject of this sketch is one of five children, the others being John, Mary (wife of Jacob Overly), Andrew and Eliza. He began life for himself at the age of thirteen, being a stout, active, manly lad, and for some seventeen years he was engaged as a farm hand by the month, mostly in Fayette County. In 1861, he was happily married to Nancy, daughter of Jacob and Anna Areheart, and a native of Fayette County. Her parents were natives respectively of Virginia and Indiana. To her and our subject have been born seven children, who have been carefully trained and are well educated. They are named respectively, Louis, Anna, Jennie, Edith, Thomas R., Mary E. and Ralph. Miss Jennie occupies a responsible position as book-keeper for a business firm at Washington C. H.

Mr. Braden lived on rented farms after his marriage until 1868, when he bought his present farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres in Wayne Township. He at once set about the hard pioneer task of clearing and redeeming the land after it came into his possession, and has brought it to a fine condition, both as to cultivation and improvements in the way of fencing, tiling and putting up good buildings for every needed purpose. The first dwelling that he erected, which was a neatly built and commodious structure, was destroyed by

fire, and he replaced it by another equally substantial and well arranged. He is quite extensively engaged in raising stock in connection with other farming operations, and he handles a good grade of Short-horn cattle.

Mr. Braden is an uncompromising Republican, with an intelligent comprehension of politics. He has a good record as a public official who has done good service in various capacities, and is incorruptible. He has been Trustee of Wayne Township nine years and School Director in one district for twenty-one years. He is at present one of the Directors of the County Infirmary, which position he has held six years.

JOHN STEVENSON. In Circleville Township, Pickaway County, may be seen a beautiful farm, which is adorned by a handsome residence and first-class farm buildings. This is is the property of the gentleman whose name heads this paragraph and who is one of the successful agriculturists of the county. He was born in County Down, Ireland, November 13, 1823, and is the son of Alexander and Mary Stevenson, both also natives of the Emerald Isle, where the father was a farmer and where the parents passed their entire life.

John Stevenson was the fourth in order of birth of the eight children born to his parents, only three of whom came to the New World. He was given a common-school education, and, making the best of his limited advantages, is to-day an intelligent and well-informed gentleman. He remained on the home farm, aiding his father in its cultivation, until 1847, when, being in his twenty-fourth year, he emigrated to America, the voyage hither consuming four weeks and four days. On landing in New York, our young hero sought and found work on a farm in Orange County, receiving as compensation for his labor $7 per month. Thinking to better his condition, our subject after a few months came West to Ohio, and locating in Circleville Township, Pickaway County, worked on a farm, receiving the first summer $10 per month. He soon, however, abandoned farming, and, removing into the village of Circleville, began working at the cooper's trade. In 1853, he returned to his native land, making the voyage in a sailing-vessel in nineteen days.

In 1853, the original of this sketch was united in marriage with Jane, daughter of John and Martha (Patterson) Moorehead, natives of Ireland. Mrs. Stevenson was born in County Down, November 11, 1823, and was the third child of the parental family of fourteen, seven of whom are living. Two remain in Ireland, and the remainder of the family are in Australia. Soon after his marriage, our subject went to Melbourne, Australia, where he worked by the day on the docks for some time. He then engaged to work in the gold mines, one hundred miles distant from that city, spending about six months in that line of work, and during that time mining about £350 worth of gold. He later purchased teams, and hauled goods and provisions from Melbourne to the mines, cooking his own meals and sleeping under the wagon. He owned five horses, each of which cost him $500. The country was full of natives, who were very fond of kangaroos and whisky.

In 1858, Mr. Stevenson thought to try his fortunes again in America, and set sail on the "Royal Charter," being fourteen weeks on the voyage. During a part of that time the eight hundred passengers were put upon one-fourth rations. Our subject and his wife had three small children, who were almost starved on reaching Liverpool. They spent one week in that city, and then set sail for Quebec, Canada, where they boarded a train on the Grand Trunk Railroad and crossed into the United States. Mr. Stevenson made his way directly to Ohio, and after spending a short time in Columbus, came to Circleville, making the journey hither in a canoe.

Purchasing a small farm of seventy-nine acres in Circleville Township, our subject was engaged successfully in its cultivation. He later added to his possessions, until he had two hundred acres of valuable land. He put his property under the best of cultivation, and erected a large barn which cost $1,200, and a residence valued at $3,500. Mr. Stevenson bought his present farm in 1880, and here

he has since made his home. The farm spoken of above is occupied by one of his sons.

The seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson are Alexander, whose birth occurred in Australia, as did also that of Martha and Hamilton; Maggie, deceased; John, Jane, and Lizzie. Republican in politics, our subject takes an active part in local affairs, and is held in high esteem by the friends and neighbors. Mrs. Stevenson and four of the children are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Our subject is the proprietor of four farms, aggregating the magnificent sum of six hundred and fifty-five acres. In addition to raising the cereals, he devotes a great deal of attention to breeding Short-horn cattle and draft horses. Mr. Stevenson is deservedly proud of his present high standing in the agricultural community, as he started out in life poor in pocket, and what he has is the direct result of his economy and good management.

Miss Martha Stevenson, the eldest daughter of our subject, is an artist of rare taste and ability, and has adorned the home with many excellent paintings.

CAY R. GREEN. To those who have given the matter a thoughtful attention, it would almost seem that the two most important factors in the success which has attended those who are prominent in business circles have been early experiences on a farm and a limited education. Few of the practical men of this age have ever received classical training; the old adage, that it is necessity which makes successful men, is as true in the closing years of the nineteenth century as it was hundreds of years ago.

Among the number of influential business men whose experience has been as above stated, may be mentioned the subject of this sketch. He is a dealer in clothing and gents' furnishing goods at No. 103 West Main Street, in Washington C. H., where he has been engaged as a clerk or in the business for fifteen years. As already indicated, he is the son of a farmer. He was born near Marietta, Washington County, Ohio, March 10, 1858, the son of Marcus and Sarah (Morris) Green. His paternal grandfather, Smith Green, emigrated to the United States from the Isle of Wight, of which his maternal grandfather, James Morris, was also a native.

After gaining his education in the public schools near his home, and at Barlow Academy, our subject, in 1876, removed to Washington C. H., where for two years he worked at the lumber business. Later, he was for eleven years employed as clerk in the clothing establishment of Bing, Bruel & Co., and then embarked in business for himself, the firm name being Green, Tharp & Co. After the connection had continued one year, our subject purchased Mr. Tharp's interest, and for two years the establishment was conducted under the firm title of Green & Flee. February 1, 1892, Mr. Green bought out his partner's interest and is now managing the establishment alone. For excellence of location, his establishment is unsurpassed, and he carries a complete stock of clothing and gents' furnishing goods. He is known as one of the leading business men of the city, and his success is the result of his individual efforts.

February 2, 1885, Mr. Green was united in marriage with Miss Hattie, daughter of George and Loraine Saxton, of Washington C. H., and they are the parents of one child, Minnie Frances. In his social affiliations, Mr. Green is a Knight of Pythias, and is noted no less for his public spirit than for his superior business attainments.

JOHN P. BOWERS is a native of Madison County, born in the village of Unity, Canaan Township, August 12, 1820, and for more than half a century he has owned and occupied the same farm in Darby Township, situated four miles southwest of Plain City, and has developed it into a valuable piece of property. He is a son of Daniel Bowers, a native of New York, and one of the early settlers of Madison County, coming here in 1815. He was a miller by

trade, and repaired and put in operation a mill on the Darby, known as the Sager Mill. He also did carpentering for a living, and was an important agent in the upbuilding of this region, until his untimely death in Darby Township, on the farm now owned by our subject, deprived the county of a very useful citizen. He always took a keen interest in politics, had voted for Jefferson and Adam, and was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812. He was a faithful Christian, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Daniel Bowers, is thought to have been a native of New York, and his last days were spent in Franklin County, this State. The mother of our subject was Diadama Phinney, and she was born and reared in Vermont. She was about eighteen years old when she came to Ohio with the Beach family. After the death of her first husband, Mr. Bowers, she married Sylus Converse, by whom she had one son, Sanford, now deceased. She had three children by her first marriage, namely: John P., Samuel W., and Sarah N., wife of Levi Hager, of Union County. The mother of our subject lived to the ripe old age of eighty-five years.

He of whom we write is the eldest child and son of his parents. He was reared to the life of a farmer in his native county. The first school that he attended was taught in a log house. He completed his education in the district schools. At the age of nineteen, well fitted to cope with the struggles before him, he started out in life for himself, facing the world single-handed with good courage. He worked out by the day at anything that he could find to do to turn an honest penny, and was often engaged in chopping cordwood. After his marriage, in the fall of 1841, he immediately located on the land in Darby Township, which by down-right hard labor he has since transformed into a fruitful farm. He and his bride began housekeeping in a little log cabin. Since then, he has made many substantial improvements in the way of commodious buildings, and everything needful on a well-regulated farm. He has here one hundred acres of excellent farming land, which is under the best of cultivation.

A man of good mental endowments and a ready tact in handling affairs, our subject has played no unimportant part in local politics, and in the official life of his township. He was one of the organizers of the Republican party of the State, at Columbus, in the Towns Street Methodist Church, in 1854, and ever since that time he has stood firmly by his party in all its triumphs and defeats. The first office that he held was that of Justice of the Peace, to which he was elected in 1842, and of which he was an incumbent about thirty years. He was Trustee of the township many years, and he was Assessor twenty years. He was real-estate Assessor two terms, was County Commissioner four and a half years, and has been School Director almost for a life-time. Socially, he is a member of Urania Lodge No. 311, A. F. & A. M., at Plain City; of the Pleasant Valley Lodge No. 193, A. F. & A. M.; of the Encampment of Odd Fellows No. 251; and of the Daughters of Rebecca Lodge, No. 132. Mrs. Bowers is also prominent in the membership of this lodge, and has been through all the chairs. She is also a member of the Eastern Star, and is one of its State officers, besides holding an office in Lorainne Chapter No. 1, O. E. S., of the State, and the Grand Chapter, and being a member of Lodge No. 119, W. R. C., at Plain City. Mr. Bowers is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 9. He is a Methodist in his religious sentiments, and a liberal contributor to all good causes, having the interests of his native county deeply at heart.

Mr. Bowers was first married, September 2, 1841, in Darby Township, to Miss Ruhama Guy, who was born in Perry Township, Franklin County, near the Scioto River, September 2, 1819, and died about fifty years later, her death occurring September 6, 1871. She was the mother of eight children: Silphina, deceased; Betsy L., wife of James Pyers, of Holton, Kan.; Hannah B., deceased; Daniel E., a resident of Texas; Alwilda A., who died at the age of nineteen; Ruhama A., deceased; John P., deceased; and Adda May, wife of Leroy Turner, of Cleveland.

Mr. Bowers was married a second time, November 17, 1872, Miss Alvira Newton becoming his wife. She, too, is a native of Madison County, born in Darby Township, November 9, 1839, a daughter

of Abner and Sarah (Sharp) Newton, who were early settlers of Darby Township, coming hither in 1815, and spending their remaining years here on a farm. The mother died in her seventy-fourth year. The father was killed while crossing a railway track in a buggy, in 1890. That worthy couple were the parents of three daughters, namely: Clarissa, wife of Charles P. Perkins; Mrs. Bowers, the next in order of birth; and the youngest, Eltha, wife of James F. Chapman, of Darby Township.

ELAM A. BLAUGHER is engaged in general merchandising at Walnut Run, Madison County, where he has a good store and carries a stock valued at $3,000. He is well known to the general public and receives a liberal patronage, resulting from his courteous treatment and fair and honest dealing.

Our subject was born in Paint Township, this county, March 4, 1840, and is a son of Daniel and Mary (Mote) Blaugher. They removed to Kosciusko County, Ind., but after several years returned to Madison County. The father is still living in Huntington County, Ind., at the age of seventy-eight years.

Mr. Blaugher lost his mother when about seventeen years of age and then began earning his own livelihood, making his home with Amos Gragg, of Union Township. Prompted by patriotic impulses, he enlisted for the late war in 1862, as a member of Company B, Ninety-fifth Ohio Infantry, and remained at Camp Chase for some months, but was not mustered in. He then returned to Madison County, and in February, 1863, joined Company M, Tenth Ohio Cavalry. He was in the battles of Buzzard's Roost and Resaca, in the Atlanta Campaign, and marched with Sherman to the sea. For six weeks he lay in the hospital in Nashville with lung fever. When the war was over, he was mustered out in Columbus, in May, 1865, and returned to Madison County.

On the 28th of September following, Mr. Blaugher wedded Elizabeth Strain, who was born in Pleasant Township, Madison County, August 4, 1838, and is a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Strain. Four children graced their union, but Alpheus died at the age of four years; Eddie Ulysses, born in Pulaski County, Ind., February 8, 1868, resides with his wife and one child in Newport; Minnie Florence was born April 13, 1870, and Ordie was born January 11, 1882.

After renting a farm for one year, Mr. Blaugher removed to Pulaski County, Ind., where he bought eighty acres of land, engaging in its cultivation for two years. He then returned to his native township and engaged in various pursuits. He drove a peddler's wagon, gathering up country produce and selling a few goods. This probably led him to embark in merchandising and he opened a small store in Newport. He is doing a good business in this line and is a popular merchant. He also owns one hundred and fifty acres of land in Paint Township, and his possessions have all been acquired through his own efforts. He cast his vote while in the army for Abraham Lincoln and has since been a stalwart Republican. He has frequently served as a delegate to the county and congressional conventions, and has filled the offices of Constable, Clerk and Treasurer, holding the last-named for about ten years. Socially, he is a member of the Grand Army Post, and has attended the National Re-unions in Columbus. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows' society and is a Master Mason. Mr. Blaugher is well liked in this community and stands high in the esteem of all who know him.

DAVID BRANDT WAGNER enjoys the distinction of having been engaged in the grocery business for a longer period than any other resident of Circleville. He conducts a flourishing wholesale and retail business, and has established an enviable reputation throughout Pickaway County as a reliable dealer, courteous gentleman and public-spirited citizen. He has occupied his present establishment since 1862, when he purchased and re-modeled the building

and rented the upper floors as offices. The block is three stories above a basement and is furnished with a complete stock of groceries adapted to the wants of the people. In one room will be noticed a patent coffee roaster run by a gas engine, which also operates the Van Cleaf printing press; one room is rented and used as a dry-goods store.

Mr. Wagner claims Ohio as his birthplace, having been born in Greenfield Township, Fairfield County, November 14, 1822. He traces his ancestry to Germany, whence his grandfather, Adam Wagner, emigrated to the United States and engaged in farming in Pennsylvania. Early in the nineteenth century, he removed to Fairfield County, Ohio, and afterward bought a tract of Government land in Hancock County, where his death occurred, when he was about four-score years of age.

The father of our subject, Jacob Wagner, was born in Schuylkill County, Pa., and in early manhood located in Greenfield Township, where he operated one hundred and sixty acres. In 1860, he removed to Hancock County, Ohio, where he improved a farm near Findlay, and spent his remaining years. He was a man of the utmost probity and was prominent in the Evangelical Association, with which he was identified for many years. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Brandt, was born in Pennsylvania and died in Hancock County at the age of eighty-six years. Her father, David Brandt, was a member of an old Pennsylvania family and served as a soldier in the War of 1812. He followed the occupations of saddler and farmer, both in the Keystone State and in Fairfield County, Ohio, where he died when about seventy years old.

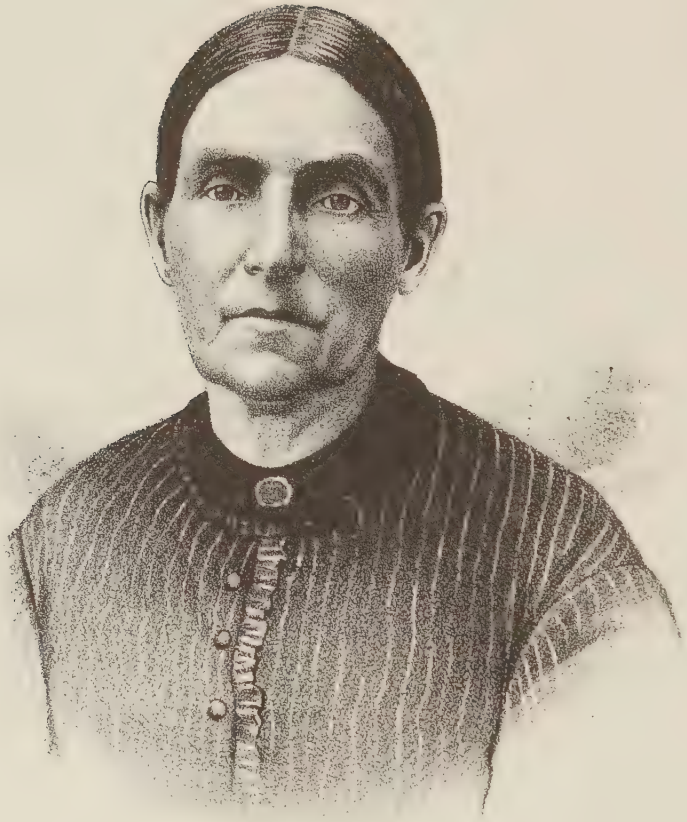
The family of which our subject is a member consisted of eleven children, namely: David B., of this sketch; Catherine, who married Jacob Dresbach and resides in Missouri; Julia A., Mrs. Whisler, of Hancock County; Adam, a resident of Litchfield, Mich.; Mary, who is the wife of Christian Fogler, of Hancock County; Esther, who became the wife of Rev. C. M. Rhenholdt and died in Circleville; Jacob, of Findlay, Ohio; Samuel, who died in childhood; Caroline, Mrs. Dresbach, of Hancock County; John, who enlisted in 1862, as a member of an Ohio Regiment and died at a hospital at Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Daniel resides in Carey, Ohio.

The subject of this sketch was about twelve years old when he accompanied the family to Perry Township, Fairfield County, and he early began to assist in the pioneer work of developing a farm. He attended school in a log house, where he studied the three "Rs" in the primitive text-books then in vogue. When twenty-two years old, he bought his father's saw-mill and operated it until 1849, when he bought a farm in Pickaway Township, this county. The place consisted of one hundred and sixty acres and was advantageously located six miles southeast of Circleville.

In 1854, Mr. Wagner discontinued his farming operations and, locating in Circleville, embarked in business under the firm name of Einsel, Wagner & Co. After carrying on operations in that way for four years, the firm name was changed to Wagner & Dresbach. In 1860, the business was sold out, and the firm commenced to operate as grocers, but after conducting the enterprise for one year, sold their stock, and our subject then engaged in business alone. He is known throughout this section of the State as one of the most reliable and energetic grocers of Circleville, and, undoubtedly, no other business man of the city has met with more unvarying success than he.

January 19, 1845, Mr. Wagner and Miss Leah Dreisbach were united in marriage. Mrs. Wagner is the daughter of the Rev. John Dreisbach, of whom extended mention is made in the biography of M. E. Dreisbach. She was a lady of noble character and lovely disposition, and her death, which occurred March 23, 1891, was widely mourned. Three children had been born of the union, as follows: John, who resides near Frankfort, S. Dak.; Jacob, who died at Circleville, July 23, 1890; and Jennie, who was graduated at the new school at Circleville and finished her musical course at Naperville (Ill.) College; she married Dr. C. Naumann, a prominent physician of Circleville.

Socially, Mr. Wagner is identified with the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias. Prior to



JANE HEDGES

1852, he was a Democrat, but since that year has been identified with the Republican party. He served as Justice of the Peace in Perry Township, and has also been an Assessor for a number of years. He was one of the organizers of the Evangelical Association, and at the time of the erection of their church, was chosen Chairman of the Building Committee. He has served for many years as a Trustee and has been Class-leader since 1869. He aided in organizing the Sunday-school in 1868, and has served efficiently as Superintendent for twenty years. Not only has he contributed liberally of his time to the Sunday-school work, but he has also been generous with his means, having donated a splendid library to the school and in other ways promoted the welfare of the children. He is one of the most substantial and favorably-known citizens of Circleville, and occupies a prominent place in the regard of the people among whom he has lived for many years.

MRS. JANE (CREIGHTON) HEDGES, widow of Cyrus Hedges, and affectionately known in the community where so many years of her life have been passed as "Aunt Jane Hedges," is a daughter of one of the first settlers of Pickaway County, and is one of the few left within its precincts who were born in its early pioneer homes. It is with pleasure therefore that we present her portrait and the following sketch of her life: She was born in Harrison Township, May 22, 1808. Her parents, Hugh and Nancy (Hunter) Creighton, were natives of Ireland. Her father's birthplace was in County Tyrone, and he was nineteen years old when he looked his last on the familiar scenes of his boyhood and set forth for America to found a new home.

For a time, Mr. Creighton resided in Pennsylvania, but a short time previous to the birth of the daughter of whom we write he came to Ohio with his family, and at first located in Harrison Township. When she was a small girl, he removed to Walnut Township, and from that time until his death was closely identified with its interests. He and his wife and children took up their abode in the woods in a log cabin, where he industriously labored to develop the farm now occupied by Mrs. Gerhart and her family. He was a well-educated man, and had been a teacher and surveyor. In religious work, he was active as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was the first Sunday-school teacher in the community. A very skillful mechanic, he could turn his hand to anything, and his talent in that line was very helpful to him as a farmer. Both he and his wife, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church, led good Christian lives, and were very highly thought of by all the people around them. Both lived to be old, his death occurring at the age of eighty-five and hers at the age of eighty-seven. They were the parents of seven children, of whom these three survive: our subject, Samuel, and the Rev. Joseph Creighton.

Aunt Jane Hedges was reared amid pioneer scenes and in her girlhood experienced all the hardships and privations incidental to pioneer life. She went to school in a log cabin that was furnished with slab seats, a board on pegs driven into the wall between the logs serving as a writing desk, and greased paper taking the place of glass in the openings for windows. She was carefully trained in the various household duties that occupied the time of housewives of that day, blossomed into a wholesome, capable womanhood, and was fully equal to presiding over a home when she gave her hand and heart in marriage to Cyrus Hedges in November, 1825. Although she was but seventeen years old when that important event in her life occurred, she bravely shouldered her share of the labors necessary in the development of a new farm and the upbuilding of a dwelling-place, and well might her husband have attributed to her zealous assistance no mean share of the prosperity that followed their united toil. She was likewise active in promoting the religious growth of the community as a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which she has been identified since she joined it at the age of sixteen years, her husband also being prominent in its upbuilding, as the donor of the

land upon which the first Methodist Church of Walnut Township was erected. By her marriage she is the mother of two children, Cynthia L. and Ann B., the latter the wife of Albert K. Smith, who conducts the home farm.

Cyrus Hedges was born in Berkeley County, Va., March 29, 1799, a son of Joshua and Mary Hedges. When he was about four years old, his parents came from Virginia to Pickaway County and settled among the early pioneers of Walnut Township on the very farm now occupied by Mrs. Hedges, nearly ninety years later. Their home was a log cabin in the woods, where they were often disturbed by the howls of the wolves at night, and deer and wild turkeys were numerous, as well as other game. There were but very few settlers in the region at that time, and they saw the country almost in its virgin wildness.

Mr. Hedges acquired his education in the rude log schoolhouse typical of pioneer times, which did not afford him many advantages, so that he had to depend mostly on his own resources for his learning. He read what books and papers he could get hold of, and became very well informed; he also had a natural talent for music, which he cultivated to some extent. He did well as a farmer and left a valuable estate of four hundred acres of as fine land as can be found throughout the length and breadth of Walnut Township. In early life he was a Democrat, but was in full sympathy with the doctrines of the Republican party and joined its ranks after its organization. He was a man of good parts, with a mind evenly balanced, was possessed of excellent business habits, and his character was without a stain. A kind and loving husband and father, a friendly and obliging neighbor, and a citizen who had the interests of the township and county at heart, he was greatly missed when death closed his life, March 26, 1866. He left a great vacancy in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was an earnest working member for many years.

Albert K. Smith, son-in-law of our subject, was born in Oneida County, N. Y., September 4, 1829, and is a son of Peter and Delia A. (Johnson) Smith, who were natives respectively of St. Lawrence and Oneida Counties, N. Y. His grandfather, Peter Smith, was in the English army that was sent to America to fight against the Colonists during the Revolution. After he arrived, becoming convinced that the cause of the Colonists was just, he, with several others, deserted the British standard and, joining the Continental army, did good service in helping his new friends to obtain their freedom, remaining faithful to the Colonists throughout the Revolution. Albert Smith was reared on a farm in his native county and obtained his education in the common schools. He came to Pickaway County in the year 1866, and has since resided in this county. In 1846, he began to learn the trade of a machinist, at which he became an expert, and was profitably engaged at that calling for about a quarter of a century. During the Civil War, he was employed in a branch of the celebrated Remington Armory, then located at Utica, N. Y., his business being to keep gun machinery in repair. He now has charge of his mother-in-law's farm, and shows himself to be a capable farmer. In politics, he is a true Republican, and a prominent citizen of Walnut Township.

JAMES H. VALENTINE. Personal popularity, it cannot be denied, results largely from industry, perseverance and the close attention to business which a person displays in the management of any particular branch of trade; and in the case of Mr. Valentine this is certainly true, for he has adhered so closely to farming, and helped in so many ways to advance all worthy enterprises in this community, that although young in years, he is classed among the representative men of the county.

He was born in Circleville, Ohio, where his birth occurred on the 12th of October, 1853, and is a son of Israel and Caroline (Stout) Valentine, both natives of Maryland. The mother is now deceased, but the father is living and makes his home in Circleville, Ohio. He is now seventy-three years of age but is comparatively strong and active. He has followed agricultural pursuits all

his life and is well known as a successful tiller of the soil.

The original of this notice was reared to maturity in Pickaway County, Ohio, and assisted his father in work on the farm until he started out in life for himself. He very naturally preferred the occupation to which he had been reared, rather than to branch out into something altogether foreign, and in agricultural pursuits he has continued up to the present time. That he has been successful can not be questioned for a moment, when a glance is cast over his broad acres. Careful and painstaking in the cultivation of his land, and thorough in everything connected with its management, it is, perhaps, not to be wondered at that he is meeting with success.

He divided his time in youth between attending the district school and working on the farm, and is well informed on the general topics of the day. His marriage occurred February 12, 1880, at which time Miss Priscilla Cromley became his wife. This union has resulted in the birth of two children: William, born November 24, 1880, and James I., born March 20, 1884.

In 1881, Mr. Valentine settled on his present farm in Harrison Township, this county, and is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of excellent land. Everything about the place is kept in good condition, all necessary buildings forming a prominent feature of the improvements. Mr. Valentine is a loyal Democrat through and through. He and Mrs. Valentine are members of the Lutheran Church.

THOMAS R. ROBISON. Robison is a name that has been familiarly known in Pickaway County since the early years of its settlement. John R. Robison, the father of the gentleman whose name heads this biographical review, was one of its distinguished pioneers, and the son of whom we write holds a prominent position among its leading farmers and stockmen to-day. He is one of the oldest residents of Monroe Township as regards the time of his coming here, which was sixty-four years ago. He is a man of wide experience in transactions connected with farming and is one of the best of financiers.

Mr. Robison was born in Clarke County, March 8, 1823. His father is supposed to have been a native of Georgia, while his mother, who bore the name of Mary Edmiston, was born in Tennessee. The elder Mr. Robison was reared on a farm, and when a young man came to Ohio to seek his fortune in the virgin wilderness. He at first took up his abode in Madison County, but he soon removed to Clarke County, where he married. He only lived there a short time, however, when he came to Madison County and cast in his lot with its pioneers. He was poor at that time, his father and mother having died when he was young and left the family in his care, so that he worked out by the day for a time after coming here. He was shrewd, far-sighted, and a capable business man, and he did so well in his undertakings that he became one of the wealthy men of the township. At one time, he owned five hundred acres of choice land in this and Madison Counties, and he farmed extensively. He was widely known, and was prominent in public life as Justice of the Peace, which office he held twenty-four years. He tried many cases, and so wise and just were his decisions he never had one reversed by a higher court. He was a Democrat until Jackson vetoed the United States Bank Bill, and he then became a Whig, when he naturally gravitated to the Republican party. In his religious affiliations, he was connected with the Christian Church as one of its most consistent members. In 1882, his long and honored life was brought to a peaceful close by his death. His wife, who died at the age of fifty-seven years, was also a member of the Christian Church. They were the parents of nine children, all of whom grew to maturity and married; two are deceased: James W. and Mary D. The others are Elizabeth, John S., David E., Thomas R., Samuel S., Rachel, and Joseph H.

Our subject was only five years old when the family came to this place and made their home in a log cabin in the woods. He was reared under pioneer influences, and can remember well when this part of the country was scarcely more than an

unbroken wilderness, there being but one house between the humble pioneer dwelling of his parents and Five Points, four miles distant. He has seen as many as fourteen deer in a drove on this farm, and hundreds of wild turkeys, of which he has killed many, besides shooting an occasional deer. He was educated in the primitive pioneer schools of early times, which were conducted on the subscription plan, and were held in log houses that were heated by means of a fireplace, and were furnished with rude slab benches that were held up by wooden pins. His schooling was confined to the winter seasons, as at other times he was obliged to work on the farm as soon as he was large enough to make himself useful. He began life on his own account at the age of twenty-one, living in the parental home until his marriage, cultivating the soil and raising and fattening cattle for the markets in partnership with his father and brothers.

Our subject was married March 22, 1849, to Miss Ellen Sawyer, who was born in Fayette County, February 8, 1829. The fruit of their marriage is nine children, of whom seven are living: Mary E., William H., Alice, Thomas C., Albert L., Maggie, and Henry F. John F. and George are the names of the ones that died. After marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Robison kept house for his father one year, and in 1850, settled on this farm, of which but little had then been cleared, an old log cabin and a log stable being the only evidences of improvement. Of their children the following are married: Mary E. married John T. Walters, and lives in Madison County; they have eight children; John F. married Hester Willoughby, and at his death, May 9, 1892, left four children; William H. married Clara Dennis, and they live in Monroe Township, and have five children; Alice married Henry Hosler, and they have two children. The other children are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Robison have six great-grandchildren.

When he started out for himself, Mr. Robison had but little means, a team of horses being his only property, but he had health, strength, ambition to succeed, and the natural talents to do so, together with an amiable, helpful wife to assist him in the upbuilding of a home. He worked hard to put his land under good cultivation, became prosperous, and now has a landed estate of over six hundred acres of finely improved land, of which two hundred and twenty-five acres are in Madison County, and the remainder in this township. He has engaged in mixed farming, and besides raising large quantities of corn, wheat and oats, has raised a great deal of stock, from which he has made the most of his money. He has fifty head of cattle now besides other stock. One year he lost one hundred and fifty hogs from cholera. He farms a part of his land with the assistance of his sons at home, but his other sons manage the most of it.

Our subject and his wife are Methodists in religion, having been members of the church for many years, and they truly live up to their faith in all that concerns their daily life and their relations with others. In politics, he is a true Republican, and during the war he rendered valuable assistance to the Government by using his time and influence in securing recruits for the army. He has been Trustee of the township eight times, and in 1860 was Assessor.

HARNESS RENICK. No family has been more prominently identified with the history of the Scioto Valley than that of which our subject was a member. He was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, September 29, 1810, and was a son of George Renick. His father, with two brothers, Felix and William, emigrated from Hardy County, Va., to Ohio almost a century ago, and were among the most sturdy farmers and pioneers of this locality, who have done so much for the upbuilding and advancement of the State. They were men of sterling worth, who believed in law and order and in the power of public officials. They were possessed of large estates but claimed no superiority on this account. Their lives were commendable examples of industry and frugality. Their sons and daughters were instructed in every branch of rural industry and were required to aid in all the labor of the farm and household. They were proud of their calling and the honored, up-

right lives of the Renick brothers exerted an influence which has not ceased to have its effect upon the community. Further mention is made of the father of our subject in the sketch of William Renick on another page of this work.

Harness was the last surviving son of the brothers, and his noble life of four-score years was like those of his brothers in its virtue and enterprising public spirit. He was reared as a farmer lad and acquired his education in the public schools. He was married in La Fayette, Ind., October 18, 1836, to Miss Elizabeth S. Seymour, who was born near Moorefield, Hardy County, Va., as was her father, Garrett Seymour. The grandfather, Abel Seymour, was a Virginian farmer and belonged to the first families of Virginia. Her father enlisted in the War of 1812. In 1836, he emigrated Westward, and after six months spent in Ohio, removed to LaFayette, Ind., where he engaged in farming for a few years. He then retired and came to Bainbridge with his son, R. Seymour, at whose home he died. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah McNeil. Mrs. Renick was the youngest daughter and fourth child in the family of six children who grew to mature years.

After their marriage, our subject and his wife located upon a farm in Muhlenburg Township, Pickaway County, and began house-keeping in a log cabin. This was afterward replaced by a comfortable frame residence, which continued to be their home until 1856, when they removed to Circleville, where Mr. Renick resided until his death. His father and his uncles were the pioneers in the great business of breeding and grading cattle in this locality and our subject was the last survivor of the shareholders of that company. He continued in that business until his death. For many years he was among the most conspicuous of American breeders of registered Short-horns. In 1855, he had a large sale on his fine estate on Darby Creek. The stock were driven from the pastures into the sale yard without any preparation, very few of the cattle having been sheltered even in winter; however, they would compare with any herd in any country, and for hardness of constitution could hardly be surpassed.

About 1840, Mr. Renick joined the Presbyterian Church of Genoa and after his removal to Circleville joined the Old-school Presbyterians. He was a man of profound convictions and had the greatest contempt for a mean thing. His life was characterized by charity and benevolence. The poor and needy found in him a true friend, yet there was no ostentation about his giving. He did not let his left hand know the good deeds of his right. If in reading the religious papers he saw an appeal for help for some poor missionary or needy institution, he would meet it with a ready response. He was very fond of the study of nature, and for nearly forty years he had a meteorological record, which had commanded the attention of the department at Washington, D. C. He also kept a diary, in which he recorded all important events as they occurred. He was a clear, forcible and ready writer and contributed many interesting articles to leading papers on subjects with which he was well acquainted, such as agriculture, stock-raising, forestry, in which he took great interest, and on scientific subjects. Mr. Renick was a man of taste and skill and his home abounded with beautiful specimens of his handiwork. He was a great Bible student and spent much of his time in the study of the Holy Scriptures, which he believed revealed the will of God and the plan of salvation. He passed away January 2, 1891. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

HON. ACE GREGG, ex-Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the Third Sub-division of the Fifth Judicial District, comprising Ross, Highland and Fayette Counties, was born on Rattlesnake Creek, Jefferson Township, Fayette County, October 4, 1845, and was a son of John F. and Mary (Liggett) Gregg. The father was one of the early settlers in this locality, having come here at the time of his marriage, one-half century ago. He was a native of Clermont County, this State, and was a farmer by occupation, departing this life at the old homestead, in November, 1890.

The children included in the parental family were our subject; Nye, the present County Prosecutor; Polk, an attorney at Jeffersonville; Mary and May, the latter of whom is the wife of William R. Plyly, of Ross County, this State. The parents of our subject were members of the Universalist Church of Jeffersonville, and were active contributors toward its support.

Ace Gregg, of this sketch, received his early education in the country schools of his district, which was later supplemented by attendance at the Normal School at Lebanon. After completing his studies, he taught school for a time, and then returning home, took a course in the business college and subsequently went into the office of M. J. Williams, the present Supreme Justice of the Supreme Bench, to study law. Mr. Gregg, in 1871, was graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan, with the degree of LL. B., and, locating in Washington C. H., formed a partnership with A. R. Creamer, which connection lasted until he was elected to the bench. These gentlemen had known each other from boyhood, having gone through college together, and were connected in business for ten years, when one was elected Judge, and the other to the State Senate.

Judge Gregg acted as County Prosecutor for three successive terms, from 1872 to 1878, and following that, was elected to the Bench in 1880, for a term of five years, fulfilling the duties of that office with satisfaction to the people and honor to himself. He would undoubtedly have served on the Bench for many more years, had there not been a special law under which he was elected, and which law expired with his term. In 1885, he began the practice of his profession, being one of the prominent members of the Bar in this county, and having a large practice. Judge Gregg was one of the charter members of the Fayette County Fair Company, of which association he has held all the different positions, and he devotes a great deal of attention to the interests of the same. Politically, our subject is a Republican, and is Chairman of the Republican Central and Executive Committees. He owns two good farms in Paint Township, Fayette County, the operations of which he superintends himself. The estates are well stocked with good grades of horses, cattle and hogs, in which branch of agriculture Judge Gregg reaps a handsome income.

Amelia J., daughter of Reuben and Matilda Jones, became the wife of our subject November 27, 1871. In social matters the Judge is a member of the Odd Fellows' Encampment, and also the Knights of Pythias, of which he was at one time a member of the Uniform Rank. He has been a delegate to the different judicial and congressional, and State conventions, and, all in all, is ranked among the most prominent and wealthy citizens of Fayette County.

JOHN W. MARCHANT. This highly-respected resident of Jasper Township, Fayette County, is at present residing on a beautiful farm. He is the son of William Marchant, who was born in Berkeley County, W. Va., June 13, 1800, and was a son of Abraham and Sarah (Bull) Marchant, the mother a native of Wales. The latter couple were married in the Old Dominion and emigrated to this State in 1814, making their first home in Highland County, where the father passed away. The mother removed to Illinois, where she died.

William Marchant was reared on the home farm, prosecuting the duties thereon until sixteen years of age, when he went to Greenfield, to learn the trade of a blacksmith. In 1821, he opened a shop for himself in Good Hope, Wayne Township, being the pioneer blacksmith in that locality. He soon moved upon a small farm in the same township, and later purchased a tract of land in Perry Township, where he continued to make his home for six years. Later he removed to the place which is the present residence of his widow, and where his decease occurred, December 27, 1878.

The parents of our subject were married May 18, 1822, the mother's maiden name being Elizabeth Smith. She was the daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Wilson) Smith, natives of West Virginia, where their marriage was celebrated, and where they resided until removing to Ohio in 1804.

They located upon the banks of a river then called White Woman, at a time when the Indians were very troublesome indeed, so much so that they returned to West Virginia. In 1806, Mr. and Mrs. Smith again came to the Buckeye State, and for six years made their home in Fairfield County. In 1812, they came to Fayette County, settling upon a wild tract of land in Wayne Township, and after a short time removed to an improved farm one mile north of Good Hope, where they made their permanent home. Mr. Smith was an extensive landholder and departed this life March 3, 1853, when in his seventy-third year; his good wife survived him a number of years, dying March 3, 1870, aged eighty-seven. They were the parents of a large family of ten children, only three of whom are living.

Mrs. William Marchant was born in Berkeley County, W. Va., September 16, 1805. She attended the subscription schools of her district, where she acquired a good fund of general knowledge. By her marriage with her subject's father, ten children were born, three of whom are deceased. Two sons, Abraham and Nahum, served in the Second California Cavalry during the late Civil War, the latter being mustered out at San Francisco after a service of three years. Abraham died while in the army, December 2, 1861, and his remains lie buried in Lone Mountain Cemetery, in California. Mr. and Mrs. Marchant were devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having been connected with that denomination for sixty years, Mr. Marchant at different times holding the positions of Trustee, Steward and Class-leader. He was very liberal in contributing to the support of the same, and was regarded by all who knew him as an upright and moral gentleman. He was successful both as a farmer and blacksmith, his persistent industry being rewarded in a most substantial manner. Mrs. Marchant has forty-seven grandchildren and ninety-seven great-grandchildren. She lost one son, one grandson, one brother and four nephews during the Civil War. May 16, 1889, she fell and fractured her right hip, and has been confined to her bed ever since.

The original of this sketch was the third child of the parental family, his birth occurring in Perry Township, Fayette County, July 1, 1827. He, like many of the sons of pioneers, attended the subscription school held in the old log schoolhouse, with slab seats and greased paper for windows. He was a very bright and apt pupil, and supplemented the meagre knowledge gained therein by wise reading in later years. He assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm until reaching his twentieth year, when he embarked on the sea of life on his own responsibility.

August 16, 1846, he of whom we write was married to Miss Ellen, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Brakefield, natives of Berkeley County, W. Va., where they were married and whence they came to Ohio in 1822, and located on a wild tract of land in Perry Township. This Mr. Brakefield improved and resided upon until his death, which was caused by a tree falling upon him about 1856; the mother passed away in 1874. To them was born a large family of ten children, of whom Mrs. Marchant was the fifth. Her birth occurred February 3, 1831, in Fayette County, and as she was in very poor health when young, she received but a limited education.

After his marriage, our subject located upon a farm in Jasper Township, and in 1859 removed to what is his present home, and which was then little more than a wilderness. Eight of their ten children who are living are named respectively: Robert W., Sarah E., Trustin John, Mary Ellen, Eliza Alice, Ida May, Grant and Sherman. The eldest son has four children by his marriage with Sarah J. Coffman, and resides in Jasper Township; Sarah E. became the wife of John Allen, has one child, and also makes her home in this township; Trustin John married Augusta B. Thompson, and lives in Iowa; they have seven children; Mary Ellen married Charles Shonk, has two children, and resides in Chicago; Eliza Alice became Mrs. Charles E. Ford, is the mother of three children and makes her home in Shelby County, Ill.; Ida May lives at home; Grant is a physician and took for his wife Mary Ellen Latham, by whom he has one child; Sherman married Mary A. White, has one child and lives in this township. They have all been given good educations, the Doctor being a graduate of the Columbus Medi-

cal College and the Bellevue College in New York City.

John W. Marchant has been the owner of a magnificent tract of twelve hundred acres, eight hundred of which he has divided among his children. He carries on general farming, which industry he has always followed, and keeps upon his place good grades of stock. With his wife, he is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which body they are liberal and influential contributors. In his political belief, he is a strong Republican, and has served his district as a member of the School Board for a number of years.

Mr. Marchant furnished three substitutes during the late war. He was one of the "Squirrel Hunters" and was First Lieutenant in the militia during the Morgan raid. He has been Trustee of Jasper Township for many years, also serving in the capacity of Supervisor. While out with the "Squirrel Hunters," his company burned the bridge at Chillicothe, when the Scioto River was only one and one-half feet deep. Our subject has aided very materially in the upbuilding of this section, and was one of the incorporators of the Dayton & Southeastern Railroad, now known as the Dayton & Ironton Railroad.

JOHN M. LUCAS. No more highly respected and esteemed citizen lives in Madison County than the one of whom we now write, and who is engaged as a farmer and stock-raiser in Stokes Township. He was born in Clinton County, Ohio, February 18, 1823, and is the son of Thomas and Lydia (Mock) Lucas, natives respectively of Warren County, Ohio, and North Carolina, the father being born October 18, 1799, and the mother November 17, 1801.

The paternal grandfather of our subject, Caleb Lucas, came in an early day to Warren County, Ohio, where his son Thomas grew to mature years. The latter gentleman was married October 4, 1821, and when our subject was a lad of six years moved to Indiana and located about nine miles from Indianapolis on the National Road. Four years later, the parents returned to Ohio, and located in Jefferson Township, Fayette County, where Mr. Lucas purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land, the greater portion of which he cleared and cultivated.

Our subject is what may be properly termed a self-made man, as he was enabled to attend school but six months. The schools in the neighborhood were conducted on the subscription plan, and as his parents were in limited circumstances, it was impossible for him to enjoy even their meagre advantages. October 23, 1843, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Killgore, who was born in Jefferson Township, Fayette County, August 19, 1824. She was the daughter of John C. and Jane (Hutson) Killgore, also natives of Ohio; her father met his death by a stroke of lightning July 11, 1842, and her mother departed this life in 1873.

After his marriage, Mr. Lucas contracted to clear forty acres of land for the use of the property for five years. After clearing about thirty-five acres, he sold the lease and purchased one hundred and ten acres in Jefferson Township, where he made his home for the following ten years. He then sold the land which he had purchased for $6 an acre for $40 an acre, and next bought one hundred and fifty acres, which is his present home, and which his enterprise and thrift have placed in excellent condition. Mr. Lucas has expended over $1,200 in tiling his estate, and has further embellished it by a substantial set of buildings necessary for the storage of grain and the shelter of stock.

He of whom we write is the eldest in a family of eight children, three of whom are still living. By his marriage with Miss Killgore have been born ten children, viz.: Isadore, now Mrs. Thomas S. Cooper; Paris, who died when six years of age; Mary C., Mrs. William O'Shaughnessy, departed this life in October, 1882, her husband dying a few years later; their son Louis makes his home with our subject. Hezekiah married Miss McHenry, and is the father of two children; William married Miss McHenry, and has five children; Alice became the wife of James M. Boyer; Ann

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married John W. Sheeley and died January 3, 1885; Sophronia, who became the wife of Zeno Thomas, passed to the land beyond October 3, 1889; Willis married Miss Fent, and has three children, and Douglas married Miss Snodgrass and has one child.

In his political relations, Mr. Lucas is a Democrat, as were his ancestors on both sides, as far as is known. In an early day, Grandfather Caleb Lucas, in company with two brothers, cast the only votes in their township for Andrew Jackson. He of whom we write has been Township Trustee, Clerk, Treasurer, and was elected County Commissioner two terms, declining to serve, however, the second term until 1879, when he was prevailed upon to again accept the office. He occupied the position of Justice of the Peace of Jefferson Township, Fayette County, for one term, and when elected County Commissioner was serving in that capacity in Stokes Township, Madison County. Socially, he is a member of the Odd Fellows, and has ever taken an active part in all matters pertaining to the welfare of his community.

WILLIAM SNIDER. Throughout Southern Ohio, few names are better or more widely known than that of the venerable gentleman whose portrait is shown on the opposite page. Although not a native of Fayette County, almost his entire life has been passed in its midst, and he occupies a prominent position among the citizens of Washington Court House. With deep interest, he has witnessed the development of this city from a mere hamlet, almost unknown outside the county, to a city of commercial standing among other important places of Ohio. Through his unwearied exertions, he has contributed to the prosperity of the community, and now in his old age lives in tranquil enjoyment of the comforts the labor of former years has accumulated.

The father of our subject, Jacob Snider, was born in Loudoun County, Va., where he was married to Mary Caylor, of whose family but little is known, excepting that her two brothers removed many years ago from Virginia to Ohio, and here died. About 1805, Jacob Snider and his wife, accompanied by their only child, started from the Old Dominion to Ohio, and en route hither stopped at Redstone, Pa., where our subject was born, March 29, 1805. A few weeks later, they concluded their journey to the Buckeye State, where they settled in Ross County, not far from Frankfort. Two brothers of Mr. Snyder, Henry and William, accompanied him to this State.

Four years after locating in Ross County, Mr. Snider, Sr., sold his property there and removed to Fayette County, where he bought one hundred and fifty acres four miles south of Washington Court House. The land was in the midst of dense woods and was in the primeval condition of nature, settlers being few and far distant. The only neighbors of this pioneer family were his two brothers, and John King and William Rust. The succeeding years, however, witnessed a decided transformation in the aspect of affairs, and at the time of the death of Mr. Snyder, in 1865, the country was well settled and improved.

Two of the six children of the parental family are still living, our subject and his sister Sarah, who is now the widow of William H. Boggs and lives in Kansas. The father was a Whig in his early days and afterward a Republican, and in his youth he served in the War of 1812. For a number of years, he held the office of Commissioner of Fayette County, but was not anxious for official position, preferring the quietude of domestic life.

During the early part of this century, the schools were meagrely equipped in the line of drill and curriculum, and the education of our subject has been largely obtained by experience and observation. At the age of twenty-five, he married Margaret, daughter of Asa and Elizabeth Hopkins, early settlers of Fayette County who came here from Kentucky about the year 1815.

After marriage, our subject bought a farm on Paint Creek, consisting of about one hundred and forty acres. The land was partly cleared, and upon it he resided for about forty years. He followed the calling of a drover for some fifty-five years, carrying on an extensive business and transporting great numbers of cattle across the mountains. He

made many trips to New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia, and continued thus engaged until the railroads were built, when he transferred his business to them and shipped the first steers that ever went by railroad from Cumberland, Md., to Baltimore. He is considered a very old pioneer in the stock business, and even up to the present is still shipping stock. His old-time herds were one thousand sheep in a drove, one hundred stock cattle in a drove and from five hundred to eight hundred hogs in a drove. He also did business in Richmond, Va., retailing cattle and hogs to the farmers along the James River.

Four of the six children of our subject are still living, namely: Hugh; Sarah, who married Mr. Davis, is now a widow in Missouri; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Mr. Taylor, lives in Kansas, and Henry A., who was a soldier in the War of the Rebellion, now lives at the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, and has a family of five children. The political convictions of Mr. Snyder have made him for many years a stanch member of the Republican party. He has been a very busy man during all his lifetime and is the oldest drover now living who has carried on business in this part of the country. In December, 1883, he was bereaved by the death of his wife, who was an earnest and consistent member of the Baptist Church and a lady of noble character, whose husband and children were ever uppermost in her affection and care.

ALBERT J. GRIGSBY. Among the prominent and influential citizens of Pickaway County, Ohio, we take pleasure in introducing to our readers Mr. Albert J. Grigsby, ex-Auditor of the county, whose measures and tactics adopted in a public capacity were so satisfactory, not only to his constituents, but to the people at large whom he represented, that he held the above-mentioned position for seven years.

Mr. Grigsby was born in Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio, September 24, 1853, and is a son of E. L. and Nancy (Cummings) Grigsby, natives of Loudoun County, Va. The grandfather, Lewis Grigsby, was also a native of Virginia and a successful planter of Loudoun County, that State. At an early date, about 1830, he came to the Buckeye State, and located in Zanesville, where he passed the closing scenes of his life. He was of an old English family. His son, the father of our subject, after reaching man's estate, engaged in flatboating flour and produce down the Muskingum, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans, and continued this for a number of years. He finally drifted into the notion business, and had a large store in Zanesville which he carried on for a number of years. After this, he engaged in the wholesale manufacture of cigars. He was elected Mayor of Zanesville, served in a very efficient and capable manner for two terms, and then retired to devote his time and attention to the cigar business. He still lives in Zanesville, retired from business. In politics, he affiliated with the Democratic party. His wife died in 1888, when sixty-seven years of age. She was the daughter of John Cummings, who was a farmer near Zanesville. She was a member of the Methodist Church and took an interest in all religious matters. Four of the six children born to this worthy couple are now living.

The subject of this sketch, who was the youngest of the above-mentioned children, attended the High Schools of Zanesville, and completed his course in 1870, when seventeen years of age. He started out on the road with notions and cigars, and traveled through Perry, Morgan and Guernsey, Logan and Coshocton Counties. He continued this business for some time, and in 1871 was employed in the water-works office, his father being Secretary of the water-works and interested in building the new works. Our subject was his assistant and clerk until 1875, when politics changed the office-holders, and he then came to Circleville and began the study of law under Abernathy & Grigsby. After reading law for some time, he turned his attention to real estate, but was soon appointed to assist the Deputy Clerk when Mr. R. C. Peebles died. Mr. F. E. Dyas was appointed Clerk, and our subject Deputy Clerk of Courts in November, 1878. Later, he held the same position under P. W. Brown until November, 1881, when

he was elected County Auditor on the Democratic ticket. He is a typical man of his locality, advanced in line of thought, progressive and enterprising, and a worthy man for almost any position. He was re-elected in 1881 and in 1884, and in November, 1887, was appointed by the County Commissioners, owing to a change in the law, and served until September 10, 1888. He has held that position longer than any other man in the county. During his term of office he built six new turnpikes. In 1888 he again studied law with his brother, S. L. Grigsby, and in 1890, after the death of Mr. McGregor, he was appointed Assistant Clerk in the House of Representatives to serve the balance of the year. He also held this position in 1891, in the Sixty-ninth General Assembly. Since then he has been engaged in the real-estate business with Mr. C. W. Murphy.

Mr. Grigsby was married in Circleville, in 1879, to Miss Mary Schwarz, a native of this city, and the daughter of W. C. Schwarz. They have three interesting children: Lloyd A., Harry and George W. Socially, Mr. Grigsby is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is a Knight Templar in this order; is also a member of the Elks, and the Knights of Honor, Mystic Circle. In his political preference, he is a Democrat; is Secretary of the Democratic Executive Committee, and President of the Pickaway Democratic Club.

DAVID McCUNE. We are pleased to here present the life narrative of one of the highly esteemed residents of Plain City, who has now retired from the active duties of farm life, and is spending his later years in tranquillity, enjoying the esteem and respect which are so justly his as the reward of a well-spent life. He was born in Darby Township, Madison County, August 20, 1824, and is a son of John McCune, a Kentuckian by birth, who, after spending his youth in his native State, came to Ohio at a very early day. He was a prominent man in his community, and for many years was Class-leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was highly esteemed for his worth and intelligence and deeply mourned when called from earth at the age of forty-six years. His wife, whose maiden name was Polly Hager, was a native of Vermont, her birthplace being near Brattleboro, that State. She lived to reach the advanced age of eighty-one years.

The family into which our subject was born consisted of three sons and two daughters, and all of these grew to become men and women, but at this date our subject and his brother, Dr. J. E. McCune, are the only survivors. The first school which young David attended was in a little log schoolhouse where Plain City now stands, and his last years in the schoolroom were spent in Jerome Township, Ingham County. It was in this county that his father died, and the young man remained with his mother until his marriage, which took place June 17, 1847. His bride, Harriet Kent, was a native of Jerome Township, and the eldest child of Daniel and Polly (Allen) Kent, early settlers in Union County.

After marriage, this young couple settled on Sugar Run, in Jerome Township, and there engaged in a general farming business, remaining there until 1874, when they removed to Plain City, at the time that Mr. McCune retired from the activities of life. Their home has never been blessed with children. Our subject and his brother together own fully four hundred acres of well-improved land in Jerome Township, Union County, most of which was placed under cultivation by themselves. They still supervise the work of the farm, which is attended to by a faithful and capable man whom they have hired to carry it on.

David McCune is an earnest Republican in his political views and stands well not only with the men of his party but with all who were for so many years his neighbors. He was Trustee of the Township for one year and has also served as School Director and Supervisor of Roads. In religious matters, he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church and for many years has been active in the work of that body. He has ever taken an active interest in the business affairs of Plain City, and is one of the heaviest stockholders in the Farmers' Bank. He and his brother own much property

in the city and have been liberal helpers in making the town what it is. They were instrumental in building many miles of gravel road and have shown themselves public-spirited in every way.

The war record of Mr. McCune is one of the most interesting portions of his history. In 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Seventeenth Ohio Infantry, and upon returning from his four months' term of service, he re-enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiment, becoming a member of Company K. His regiment was stationed for some time in forts on the Potomac River, and he was at the hotel at Alexandria soon after Col. Ellsworth was shot. Later the company was stationed as a part of the guard at the seat of Government. His honorable discharge was received at Camp Chase, after which he returned home to resume the avocations of peace.

JOHN W. FARINGER. The Merchants' & Farmers' Bank was organized in Washington C. H. under that name, and its first certificate issued November 1, 1872. At the time of organization, its capital was $100,000, of which $50,000 was paid up, and the bank afterward conducted extensive financial transactions with that capital and a contingent fund of $40,000. The stockholders' liabilities were over $1,000,000, and each individual stockholder was liable. The first President was M. Payey and the first Cashier, M. Sharp, while the officers at the close of its career were M. Pavey, President, and J. W. Faringer, Cashier. Its affairs are now being wound up by the Midland National Bank.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Pennsylvania, and was born in Montgomery County, February 27, 1832. His parents, Philip and Sarah (Singlewood) Faringer, were born in Montgomery County, Pa., and the father was an active and prominent business man of Philadelphia during the early years of this century. When his son, our subject, was still quite young, he removed to Ohio and made settlement in Pike County, where the remaining years of his useful life were passed.

In the excellent schools of Philadelphia our subject gained the rudiments of his education, which he later carried on in the common schools of Pike County. He was compelled to cease his studies and engage in business for himself, but feeling dissatisfied with his mental acquirements, he studied under a private teacher, and through experience and observation, together with an extensive and well-selected course of reading, has become a man of broad knowledge and information, with whom it is a pleasure to meet and converse.

The first occupation in which Mr. Faringer engaged was as a dry-goods merchant in Pike County, and afterward he carried on the same business in Kentucky and Iowa, remaining in the last-named State for two years. He finally located in Philadelphia, where he was a salesman. At the time of his father's final sickness he was called home, and for two years following engaged in merchandising in Waverly, Ohio. During the ensuing seven years, he turned his attention to a somewhat different line of work, and, entering the employ of the Cincinnati, Wilmington & Zanesville Railroad, was for three years Ticket and Freight Agent at Lancaster, Ohio, and for four years was general utility man.

The first connection of Mr. Faringer with the banking business was in 1867, when he became Cashier of the Hocking Valley National Bank at Lancaster, retaining that important and responsible position for fourteen years, until the time of his coming to Washington C. H., in 1883, to accept the position of Cashier of the Merchants' & Farmers' Bank. His interest in public affairs has always been earnest and deep, although the demands of his private business are such as to preclude the acceptance of public honors. While a resident of Lancaster, he served as the Representative of his district in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' Encampment for a period of eleven years, during which time he was efficient in promoting the welfare and interests of the order, which ever reposed the utmost confidence in his ability and honor.

The cultured lady who became the wife of Mr. Faringer December 25, 1866, was Miss Samantha J., daughter of John C. Flood, of Lancaster, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Faringer are the parents of two chil-

dren: John W., Jr., and Maude, both of whom are at home. The religious home of the family is in the Methodist Church at Washington C. H., and they are active in Christian work. Mr. Faringer is identified, socially, with the Fayette Lodge and Garfield Commandery, Free and Accepted Masons, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The high standing to which he has attained in Fayette County is the result of his persistent industry, good judgment and keen discrimination, and his place is among the public-spirited and successful citizens of Washington C. H.

JAMES R. CLARK, a retired farmer of Circleville, was born in Butler County, Ohio, April 26, 1820. His father, John Clark, was born in Monongalia County, Va., and came to Ohio when twelve years of age. His grandfather was of Scotch-Irish descent and was probably born on the borders of Scotland. He became a farmer and removed to Ohio in the year 1804. His first home was a log cabin and in the midst of the forest he improved two farms. He served as Colonel in the War of 1812, and represented his district in the State Legislature for one term. His death occurred in Hamilton at the age of eighty-eight years.

John Clark was the second in a family of nine children. He remained at home until May, 1818, when he located in Monroe, Ohio, where he built and carried on a tavern for ten years. He then traded his property for one hundred acres of land, but soon sold it and bought a farm in Warren County, Ohio, where he made his home for twelve years. On again selling, he bought a farm in Monroe, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was a fine writer, a good accountant, and served as Justice of the Peace for twenty-one years. In politics, he was a Whig and afterwards a stanch Republican. He possessed an excellent physique, was six feet, four inches tall, straight, strong and active. His death occurred at the age of seventy-three years. He married Maria Williamson, who was born near Gettysburg, Pa., and is a daughter of Peter Williamson, who was born in Pennsylvania, and was of German descent. He came to Ohio in 1815, and afterwards established a store in Monroe, where his death occurred. Mrs. Clark passed away in 1862. Six children were born of their union and, with one exception, all are living. Our subject is the eldest; Peter W. resides in Dayton; William H. is a house-furnisher of Coffeyville, Kan., and for three years was a soldier in the Eleventh Ohio Battery during the late war; Hannah resides in Butler County; Catherine is the wife of Rev. Mr. Bennett, of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Mr. Clark, of this sketch, acquired his education in a log schoolhouse and remained at home until twenty-four years of age. On the 27th of February, 1844, in Warren County, he married Miss Sarah J. Todhunter, who was born in Lebanon, Warren County, in June, 1820, and was a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Johns) Todhunter, natives of Loudoun County, Va., who came to Ohio in 1878, and resided upon a farm adjoining the grounds of the old Shakers' Society. The father served in the War of 1812. His death occurred at the age of eighty-two years.

Mr. Clark bought a farm on the county line of Butler County, which he operated eight years. He then sold and bought one hundred and fifty acres in Lemon Township, on which he made many valuable improvements. He erected a fine residence at a cost of $6,000, and the pleasant walks and drives and other improvements made the place one of the most attractive of the community. In the fall of 1880, he sold for over $150 per acre and came to Circleville, where he has since lived a retired life, his home being on Scioto Street. He still owns a farm in Jackson Township of one hundred acres of improved land, which he rents. While on the farm, he made a specialty of stock-raising, including Devonshire cattle and Poland-China hogs. For forty years he was a member and took an active interest in the Butler County Agricultural Association.

In the Clark family were two children: Hudson D., who was educated in Wittenburg College of Springfield, became Superintendent of the street car lines of that city. He died in Springfield, leaving one son, Robert, who is twenty years

of age. Our subject's only daughter is Mrs. Bauder. She was educated in the Springfield Female College, and is a most estimable lady. Mr. Clark has the highest confidence and regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

JACOB CARR, President of the Fayette County Infirmary Board of Directors, has many times through a long, honorable life held positions of public trust in his native county. He is spending his declining years on the farm in Union Township, upon which he has passed the most of his days, and which his father redeemed from the wilderness in the early years of the settlement of this section of the State.

Mr. Carr was born October 7, 1817, in Paint Township, and he was about a year old when the family moved to the place where he now resides in Union Township. His father, who bore the name of Joab Carr, was born in Virginia, November 4, 1790, and in the opening years of his manhood took part in the War of 1812. His parents were Germans by birth, and after coming to this country they settled in Virginia. Joab Carr married Elizabeth Miller, a native of Pendleton County, Va., and a daughter of William Miller, a farmer of that county. After marriage, the Carrs came to Ohio, in 1813, coming the whole distance over the mountains and through the forests and wild intervening country on horseback, conveying their household effects on horses also. They first lived in Paint Township, and subsequently came to the place where their son lives. The land upon which they settled was part of the United States military lands and was open to settlement by the soldiers of the War of 1812. Mr. Carr took one hundred and twenty-six and one-half acres, and industriously set about the hard work of hewing out a farm from the wilderness. The surrounding country was almost a trackless forest, with the exception of bridle paths, there being no roads. There was an Indian path across Mr. Carr's land called the Xenia Trail. Mr. Carr was one of the first to settle in this place, and he was doing good pioneer work when his career terminated with his untimely death in 1824, while yet in the prime of life, and thus this township lost one of its most useful citizens, who would, undoubtedly, have done valuable service in its upbuilding had he lived. He was a Whig and was interested in politics and in all that concerned the welfare of his country, for which he had fought when it was assailed by foreign aggression. His wife departed this life in 1833. They had four children: Susanna, who died in January, 1833; our subject; George, who died in Clinton County in January, 1890; and Joab, a resident of Sumner County, Kan.

After his father's death, our subject remained with his mother on the old homestead until her death, which occurred when he was sixteen years old. After that sad event in his life, he went to work for a farmer in the neighborhood, and was with him a year. Going then to Madison County, he worked for several years for and with Dave Saltzer, going into the cattle business with him, and from 1837 until 1842 he traded in stock, driving cattle from Illinois to Lancaster, Pa., where he found a good market for them. In that way, he accumulated considerable property. January 22, 1842, he was married to Miss Polly, daughter of Col. Samuel Harrod, an early pioneer farmer of Stokes Township, Madison County, who came here from Kentucky. The latter was quite a conspicuous figure in the public life of the county, holding the office of Justice of the Peace and other offices. He served in the War of 1812 under Gen. Harrison, and rose to the rank of Colonel. He died in 1856 and his wife in 1868. They had six children, of whom Mrs. Carr is the youngest and the only survivor. She is a most exemplary woman and the best of wives and mothers. Her marriage with our subject has been hallowed to them by the birth of nine children, all of whom are living. The eldest is Matilda Ann, wife of William Thornton, of Madison County. Salathiel, who lives on his father's farm, and who took part in the war as a volunteer in the expedition against Morgan, the rebel raider; he enrolled in Union Township when the draft was made in 1864. Elijah S., who is in the grocery business at Millidgevilie; Ellen, wife of Elan Thornton, who lives in this

township; David, a resident of Union Township, residing near his father's farm; Amanda, wife of Henry Worrel, a blacksmith at Bloomsburgh; May, the wife of Noah Baughn, a farmer of Greene County, and Susanna and Jesse Sherman, who make their home with their parents.

After his marriage, Mr. Carr returned to his old home, taking possession of it March 13, 1842, and has lived here ever since, making many fine improvements that have greatly increased the value of the place since it came into his hands. The buildings are of a substantial order, and the one hundred and thirty-one acres of land comprising its area are under a good state of cultivation, and well drained by tiles, of which there are several miles on the farm. He has dealt in cattle, and in 1847 drove a herd of cattle over the mountains to dispose of them at Lancaster, Pa., and again in 1850 he made the same trip for the same purpose. He has often been called to take an active part in the administration of public affairs, and throughout his career as an office-holder has preserved an incorruptible name, and has ever acted for the best interests of township or county. In 1856, he was elected Assessor and held that office for the long period of twenty years. He was Coroner of the county for one term and was Trustee for a number of years, and is now serving his second term as Director of the Fayette County Infirmary and is President of the Board. He has been prominent in local politics, and was a Whig in the olden days, casting his first vote for Gen. Harrison, of Tippecanoe fame, while his last vote was cast for that old hero's grandson, the Gen. Harrison of to-day. The Republican party has found in him a faithful member since he joined its ranks.

JACOB J. STOUT was born in Washington Township, Pickaway County, September 24, 1827, and in after years was one of its most valued citizens, taking an active part in the development of its rich agricultural resources, and through the influence of an exemplary life helping to elevate its moral and religious status. His father, who was also named Jacob, was a native of Pennsylvania, whence he came in a very early day of the settlement of Pickaway County, and was one of the original pioneers of Washington Township, where he cleared and improved a farm, on which he dwelt in peace and comfort until his death in 1840. He was the father of fourteen children, of whom seven are living.

The subject of this brief biographical notice was reared to the life of a farmer on the old homestead, and adopted that vocation when he arrived at years of discretion for his life work. After his marriage, when he was twenty-two years old, he and his bride took up their abode on the farm in his native township, which he afterward purchased, and where their entire wedded life was passed, and upon which his wife is still living. He had one hundred and eighty-six acres of good land, which under his care and excellent management became one of the best farms in the vicinity. He erected a substantial set of buildings, including a fine brick house, and had every desirable modern improvement.

Our subject died July 21, 1891, and a busy and honored life was brought to a close, and a good man passed to his reward. He was greatly missed, not only by the members of his own household, by whom he was beloved as a devoted husband and tender father, but by the entire community, among whom he had always lived in the most friendly relations. He was a truly religious man, and a highly esteemed member of the German Reformed Church, of which he was at one time Deacon. In politics, he adhered to the Democratic party.

The marriage of Mr. Stout with Miss Elizabeth Wanamacher was solemnized July 14, 1849, and for more than forty years they walked hand in hand in a true union, in which they were abundantly blessed with children, seven in number, as follows: Samuel, deceased; Catherine, William, Susannah, Noah, Emanuel, and Jacob A., the latter a physician at Columbus.

Mrs. Stout was born in Berks County, Pa., March 9, 1830, to Jacob and Catherine (Steine) Wanamacher, who were also Pennsylvanians. They came to Ohio in 1830, when their daughter, of whom we write, was but a few months old, and they be-

came pioneers of Pickaway County, locating first in Salt Creek Township, and after a year's time coming to Washingon Township, where he followed farming the rest of his days, dying here at the age of seventy years, while his wife was sixty-three years old when she died. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and she of the Lutheran, both being sincere Christians. Three of their five children are yet living. Mrs. Stout is a very pleasant, intelligent lady, who is deservedly held in high esteem. She belongs to the German Reformed Church, and her name is associated with its good works.

GEORGE MICHEL, who is engaged in the manufacture of tile and also has a harness store in Mt. Sterling, is an enterprising and successful business man, who by his own efforts has worked his way upward to a position of prosperity. He was born in York County, Pa., April 24, 1851, and is a son of John George and Helena (Stine) Michel, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to America at the age of eighteen, and the mother crossed the Atlantic in her maidenhood. They were united in marriage in York County, Pa., and when our subject was two years old removed to Franklin County, Ohio. The father followed farming. In the family were thirteen children, and six sons and six daughters are still living, and all reside in Ohio. The eldest child died at the age of eighteen.

George Michel spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of farmer lads. His educational advantages were limited. At the age of sixteen, he began to work in a tile factory in Franklin County, and was in the employ of one man for seven years. He then had charge of a tile factory for a year, after which he returned to his father's farm and started one of his own. After operating it for a year, he sold out to his father and spent the succeeding year in burning tile in four different yards. He became an expert in this line and during that season made considerable money. He then went to Spring Hill, Madison County, and purchased a half-interest in a tile factory, but at that place lost all he had. Coming to Mt. Sterling, he entered into partnership with two men, and again embarked in business for himself. This connection continued for one year, when our subject sold out and established another factory within the corporation limits. That was in 1881. He has since carried on business alone, and has met with excellent success. His annual sales now amount to $3,000.

On the 3d of October, 1878, Mr. Michel married Miss Zilpha Kraner, who was born in Franklin County, Ohio. Their union has been blessed with five children, four of whom are still living, three sons and a daughter: Clara was born January 3, 1880; Albert, January 14, 1885; George, January 31, 1890; and Howard, April 21, 1892. Leona, born June 3, 1883, died November 18, 1888. Mr. Michel and his wife are well and favorably known in this community. He is independent in politics, preferring to vote for the man whom he thinks best qualified for the office, regardless of party affiliations. He held the office of Councilman for two years, and is a straightforward business man, enterprising and progressive, and his efforts have been crowned with success. Mrs. Michel's father was W. R. Kraner, born June 10, 1830, in Franklin County, Ohio. He was married, August 14, 1851, to Susan N. Stevenson, who was born November 8, 1829. She died November 6, 1886. There were thirteen children in the family, of whom six are living.

ALFRED CARTMILL. This name will be at once recognized as that of one of the leading and influential citizens of Madison County. He is at present residing on a pleasant estate in Fairfield Township, and during his residence here has filled various official positions, and in each, by his ready tact and sound common sense, has shown his capability and fitness for the trust reposed in him.

William and Isabel (Ferguson) Cartmill, the parents of our subject, were natives of Virginia,

JOSEPH STEELE.

NANCY STEELE.

and on coming to Madison County about 1825, located in what is now Oak Run Township. They became the parents of seven children, and departed this life in Pike Township. He of whom we write was born in Franklin County, this State, July 9, 1819, and has made his home in this county since a small boy. The lady to whom he was married bore the maiden name of Catherine Keller; she departed this life in the fall of 1861. February 22, 1865, Mr. Cartmill was again married, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Margaret Freeman, who was born September 9, 1837, also in Franklin County. To them were granted the following children: Willie, Clyde, Rosa, Marcia, Gaile F., M. Dell, and Alfred P. Willie and Rosa died in infancy, and Clyde is the wife of William Neff.

The original of this sketch received his education in the schools, that afforded very good opportunities for all who were studiously inclined, and when ready to adopt his vocation, he chose the life of a teacher, and among that class in his community he earnestly pursued his work as one of the best for nineteen years. Later, he engaged in the mercantile business in Franklin and Pickaway Counties for two years, and then became an agriculturist, in which calling he has been more than ordinarily successful. His farm is a goodly tract of land, which by means of intelligent cultivation produces excellent crops, and his residence, which is a fine brick structure, is supplied with every comfort and many of the conveniences which belong to modern farm life.

As before stated, Mr. Cartmill has been the incumbent of the positions of Justice of the Peace and Township Clerk, and has always taken an active part in local affairs, voting with the Republican party. He owns at the present time seven hundred acres of land, and we think that too much praise can scarcely be given to him who, after years of toil, is at last enabled to rest secure from want in his pleasant home and blessed by the love of a devoted wife and children.

The parents of Mrs. Cartmill were Reuben and Emza Chaffin, natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Cartmill is a most estimable lady and in her own personality there are shown strength of character and nobility of purpose, such as stamp her as a superior woman. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Big Plain. Marcia is a graduate of the Grandville Female Academy. Gaile is attending the same school, where she expects to graduate.

JOSEPH STEELE. In the untimely death of Joseph Steele, Pickaway County lost one of her well-known and valued citizens, whose force of character and enterprise were potent agents in building up the stock business and extending the agricultural interests of this section, where he owned and operated a large and well-equipped farm, located in Pickaway Township, and dealt extensively in stock of all kinds.

Mr. Steele was born in Fairfield County, August 7, 1823, a son of John and Sarah (Smith) Steele, who were Pennsylvanians by birth, and had come to Ohio in an early day of its settlement and reclaimed a farm from the forests. His father died in 1851 near Perry, in Hocking County, and his mother in February, 1865. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom six grew to maturity, and one is still living. The paternal grandfather of our subject, John Steele, who was of Irish extraction, was a prominent lawyer at Carlisle, Pa.

Our subject's educational advantages were limited, but he attended school whenever opportunity offered. He remained with his parents until he became of age, and under wholesome pioneer influences grew to a strong, self-reliant manhood. When his father and mother became old, he cared for them and looked after their interests. Soon after his marriage, he moved to Ross County, where he rented land and farmed for several years. He finally purchased a farm in Perry Township, that county, and began dealing in stock, gradually working up an extensive and lucrative business. In 1866, having sold his property in Ross County, Mr. Steele came to Pickaway County, and after renting for a short time in Pickaway Township, bought the farm now owned by his widow. He continued to deal in stock, enlarging his business and becoming one of the

largest shippers in this neighborhood. His farm, which contains three hundred and thirty-five acres of choice land, all lying in a body, and watered by Kinnickinnick Creek, is a valuable estate, upon which he made good improvements regardless of costs.

Our subject entered upon his independent career with no means, and made his way through life unaided, furnishing to the community an example of a self-made man, whose sagacity, sound sense and excellent business qualifications placed him high among the solid citizens of his township. He did not take an active part in politics, but he gave his allegiance to the Republican party. In his social relations, he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was greatly missed far beyond the home circle at the time of his death, January 16, 1889, for he had many tried and true friends.

To the wife who contributed so much to his success in life during the forty-four years that they lived together, our subject was wedded August 10, 1845, and she still survives him, making her home on the old farm. She is a very capable, intelligent woman, and since her husband's death has managed the farm with consummate skill. She is very pleasant, warm-hearted and charitable, and is greatly esteemed by the entire community where she has lived so long. She is a whole-souled Christian, and an active working member of the Oak Grove Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Steele bore the maiden name of Nancy McDowell, and was born in Washington County, Pa., February 1, 1827, a daughter of James and Margaret (Van Eman) McDowell, who were both Pennsylvanians. Her father was a fuller and corder. In 1837, the family removed to Hocking County, where Mr. McDowell purchased a mill, and also a farm, and operated both. In 1867, he took up his residence in the village of Tarlton, and lived a retired life there until his return to Hocking County, where he died in 1875.

He was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and a strong believer in the faith. His wife died in 1870. They were the parents of eight children, of whom six are now living. The mother was a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and was true to the faith to the day of her death. After her demise, Mr. McDowell was a second time married, Rebecca Frazier becoming his wife. Mrs. Steele's paternal grandfather, James McDowell, was a native of Scotland, and coming to America when a young man, located in Pennsylvania. He married Margaret McCorcle.

Mrs. Steele has had four children, namely: Amanda, now Mrs. Clark, who lives near Fulton in Salt Creek Township; William W., a druggist in Chillicothe, who married Miss Ann Eliza Minear; and Francis and John who are deceased.

The reader will notice elsewhere in this volume lithographic portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Steele, and a view of the pleasant home where the latter resides.

ANDREW H. SHAEFFER, M. D. The profession which represents the beneficent healing art has many noble members, whose lives are filled with acts of goodness, and whose most strenuous effort is to attain that skill which is necessary to saving and restoring health. We are therefore always gratified to be able to introduce to our readers the physicians who have won for themselves a high place in the profession in Pickaway County.

Dr. Shaeffer, of Circleville, is one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons in the State, having had an extensive practice. He has now reached his three-score and ten and is gradually retiring from practice. Dr. Shaeffer was born in Madison Township, Fairfield County, this State, September 21, 1821. He is the son of Jacob G. Shaeffer, a native of Lancaster County, Pa., where his father, Samuel Shaeffer, was also a native. The latter-named gentleman was a farmer by calling, and came to Ohio in 1802, bringing his family hither and locating on the section where our subject was born. The land was in its original condition at that early day and the grandfather industriously set to work subduing nature, erecting cabins, cutting down the forests and breaking the

virgin sod. He resided on that tract until his death, which occurred after he had reached his seventy-second year. The Shaeffer family came from Pennsylvania and were Lutherans in religion.

The father of our subject was a lad of seven years when the family came overland to the Buckeye State, and here he grew to mature years and was married in Madison Township. He later became the owner of a valuable estate, having at the time of his decease, which occurred in 1883, an estate of four hundred and eighty acres. He was a lover of fine horseflesh and had his place stocked with many valuable animals of good breeds. Mr. Shaeffer was a Whig, politically, until the organization of the Republican party, when he joined its ranks. In religious matters, he was a conscientious member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Elizabeth Westenberger, who was born in Hagerstown, Md., and was the daughter of Paul Westenberger, also a native of that State, and of German descent. Her father was a patriot in the War of 1812, and came to Ohio in an early day, where he resided until his decease. The mother of Mrs. Shaeffer was born August 9, 1797, and died on the old homestead, January 14, 1889, having attained to a ripe old age.

Dr. Shaeffer was the youngest of the five children born to his parents: Leah, Mrs. Carnes, resides in Shelby County, Ill.; Martin makes his home on the old homestead; Sally married Daniel Bowman and lives in Madison Township, Fairfield County, and Catherine, now Mrs. W. Valentine, resides in Lancaster. Our subject grew to mature years on the old home farm, attending school, like all the lads of that period, in the log schoolhouse with slab seats and puncheon floor. He later took a course of study in the Greenfield (Fairfield County) Academy, his instructor being Dr. John Williams, a fine and able scholar. He also was a student for a number of terms in the Otter Blendon Young Men's Seminary of Westerville, and after attaining his nineteenth year taught five terms of winter school in the vicinity of his home. About that time, desiring to follow the profession of a physician, our subject began studying medicine in the office of Dr. Samuel Porter, of Amanda. He continued thus for four years when he attended the first course of lectures ever delivered in the old Willoughby College at Columbus, the name of which institution has since been changed by endowment to the Starling Medical College. The original of this sketch was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, February 19, 1849.

When commencing the practice of his profession, Dr. Shaeffer located at Royalton, where he remained from April until July, and then removed to Oakland, making that place his home until 1870. Being one of the examining surgeons during the late war, Dr. Shaeffer has examined hundreds of men. The country being very sparsely settled in that early day, he has been compelled to take very long rides in visiting his patients, the limit east and west being thirty-six miles, and north and south eighteen miles. He was a man of strong constitution and did as much work as five men in ordinary health.

May 12, 1870, Dr. Shaeffer located in Circleville, where his skill as a physician was well known, and where he succeeded in building up a large practice in a remarkably short time. The last five years, however, he has been gradually retiring from active work, feeling that he has earned a rest. He is the owner of a valuable tract of well-improved land in Madison Township, Fairfield County, which comprises one hundred and eighty-three acres. His residence and office are located on Watt Street, the former being presided over by Mrs. Shaeffer, who is a cultured and hospitable lady. Dr. Shaeffer is a stockholder in the opera house and has been in many other ways greatly interested in the improvement of his community.

Miss Lanah D., daughter of John Christy, of Clear Creek Township, Fairfield County, became the wife of our subject in 1852. To them has been born one child, Isadore, now Mrs. J. Wall, who makes her home in Minneapolis, Minn., where her husband is a bridge contractor. Socially, Dr. Shaeffer is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. During his earlier years, he was a member of the Pickaway County Medical Society, of which body he served as Presi-

dent for a twelvemonth. In religious matters, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was Trustee and has been Class-leader for forty years. He has been connected with that denomination for the past forty-eight years and is now serving as Steward. He has been very active in Sunday-school work and while a resident of Oakland was Superintendent. In politics, he votes the Republican ticket. His first vote, however, was cast for Henry Clay, his second for Zachary Taylor, his third for Winfield Scott, his fourth for John C. Fremont, since which time he has been a Republican.

AMOS GROCE has for many years conducted a well-managed and lucrative farming business on his native soil in Pickaway County, and has a farm in Walnut Township that compares favorably with the best in its vicinity in point of cultivation and improvement. Mr. Groce was born April 19, 1837, and is a son of George and Catherine (Souders) Groce, who were Pennsylvanians by birth, and pioneers of this county. His father did good service as a soldier in the War of 1812. He came hither in the early days of the settlement of this section of the State, and finally selected a location in the forests of Walnut Township, where he began life with his family in a lone log cabin. He worked with unceasing industry to hew out a farm, and his labors were well rewarded. He died in 1857, in his seventy-sixth year, and a venerated pioneer passed from the scenes of his usefulness. His wife preceded him in death, dying in the '40s, when past sixty years old. He was well known as a member of the Reformed Church, which he helped to upbuild, and, in his politics, he was a good Democrat.

Amos Groce and his brother, John A., of Walnut Township, are the sole survivors of the Groce family, of whom there were seven. Our subject obtained his education in the early district schools of Walnut Township. The pioneer surroundings of his childhood home influenced his life and character, making him strong, resolute and ready of resource, and when he began farming on his own account in his native township, he was well fitted for his work. He has a good farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres, of soil of surpassing fertility, which is under a high state of cultivation, and produces abundant harvests in repayment for careful tillage. Mr. Groce has a commodious and conveniently arranged set of buildings on his place, together with an ample supply of modern machinery, and all things pertaining to a model farm, and he has it well stocked.

In politics, our subject is a Democrat of the purest water, and everything that will in any way enhance the well-being of his native county is sure of meeting with his approbation. He is of a sturdy, truthful nature, and his word is regarded as good as any bond by all who know him or have dealings with him. He and his amiable wife are among the most esteemed members of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Groce was married November 10, 1865, to Miss Sarah Berger, who was born in Pennsylvania, October 11, 1841. She is a daughter of Henry and Margaret (Lutz) Berger, who came to Pickaway County when she was about four years old, and settled in Walnut Township, where her mother is still living at the venerable age of eighty years. Her father died in 1855. Mrs. Groce is one of eight children, of whom these six are living: Edward; Susan, wife of Samuel Dunkle; Lewis; Mrs. Groce, Mary and Franklin. To our subject and his wife have been born six children: Clara, wife of C. E. Brown; Harry, a successful teacher in the public schools; Kelley D., also a well-known educator in the local schools; Maggie B., Kirby A. and Pearl D.

HON. DANIEL BOYD. Among the best-known and most highly honored residents of Plain City, we are pleased to mention the retired stock-dealer and farmer whose name appears at the head of this sketch. Few men have been more prominent in public work or more successful in business than this gentleman. His

strong convictions made him an active member of the Republican party and he has been made one of the County Commissioners. He also acted for years in the capacities of Trustee, Treasurer and Assessor of Darby Township, and for four years represented his Legislative District in the Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

This gentleman had his birth in Washington County, Pa., May 1, 1828, and is a son of James Boyd, who was also a native of the Keystone State and a farmer by occupation. The family removed to Ohio in 1831, and the father was taken away by death during the same year. He was a son of Robert Boyd, a native of Ireland. The mother of our subject was born in Washington County, Pa., and bore the maiden name of Martha Millikin. Her father, James Millikin, was also a native of Pennsylvania.

The four children of the family into which our subject was born all grew to man's and woman's estate, and of those three sons and one daughter of James and Martha Boyd, two are still living: Daniel, and his brother Robert, who resides in London, Madison County, Ohio, where he is a man of standing and prominence. Daniel Boyd was the third child in this household and was but three years old when he came to Madison County with his parents. Although so early orphaned by the death of his father, he remained in the family home, and as he grew to the years of early manhood, devoted himself to assisting his mother, remaining with her until he reached his majority.

This young man showed the enterprise and energy so often characteristic of the progeny of British and American parents, and when quite young undertook what many an older man would have considered quite a venture in independent business. At the age of eighteen, he commenced to deal in stock, buying and selling, and continued in this line until 1888, making his business in this respect one of the largest in the county. From the year 1878 until 1885, his business amounted to $100,000 per year on the average, but this branch of trade did not divert his attention from the ordinary lines of agriculture, which he carried on extensively. He of whom we write was united in marriage, February 14, 1850, with Miss Mary A. Smith, a lady who was born in Madison County and whose home has always been here. They became the happy parents of three sons and one daughter. The daughter, Ella, who was the second in order of birth, was snatched from their arms by death at the tender age of four years, but the sons have lived to become honored and respected members of society and make their home in Madison County. The eldest, John S., was born in Union County, this State, as was also the second, Dwight S., who resides in Plain City; the youngest son, Charles N., was born in Madison County and resides in Plain City.

Our subject owns one hundred and forty-seven acres of as fine land as is to be found within the confines of the county. This farm lies in Darby Township and twenty-seven acres of it lie adjoining the corporation of Plain City. This prominent gentleman is a member of Pleasant Valley Lodge No. 193, I. O. O. F. We feel that his record and standing give us reason to be proud of recording his life sketch in this volume.

REV. LEWIS S. PETERS. This gentleman, who is a venerable and esteemed citizen of Walnut Township, Pickaway County, was born in Fairfield County, this State, March 23, 1816. He is the son of Samuel and Mary (Stevenson) Peters, natives of Maryland. His paternal great-grandfather was born in Germany, and on emigrating to the United States located in Baltimore. His maternal ancestors were English, and well-to-do in their native country.

The father of our subject was an early settler in Fairfield County, having made that place his home as early as 1816. His home was located in the woods, and, like all of the pioneers, he was engaged in subduing nature, building cabins, clearing land and breaking prairie. Lewis S. Peters was reared to man's estate in his native county, and assisted his father in cultivating the home farm. The hardships and privations of that early

day have made a lasting impression upon his mind, and he has watched the gradual evolution of this portion of the State from its original wild condition into beautiful and productive fields.

The original of this sketch was educated in the common schools of his district, the temple of learning being the little old log cabin, with puncheon floor and slab seats. He made the best of his opportunities, however, and acquired enough learning to give him an impetus to go on by himself. He later attended one year at the schools in Marion, this State, which knowledge he has supplemented by thorough and systematic reading.

Mr. Peters joined the Methodist Episcopal Church when nineteen years of age, even at that early age being determined to enter the ministry. Five years later, he began preaching the Gospel, studying and reading at home, and to the present time has faithfully served his Lord and Master in local ministerial work. The Rev. Mr. Peters came to Pickaway County some time in the '50s, and has been a resident here since that time. He is the possessor of an estate including one hundred and seventy-two acres, all of which is under the most approved methods of improvement.

Our subject and Miss Margaret Ritter were united in marriage November 12, 1835. Mrs. Peters was the daughter of Henry Ritter, a native of Pennsylvania. By her union with our subject have been born seven children, four of whom are living, namely: Henry; Mary, the wife of Philip Weaver; Samuel R., who is living in Newton, Kan., and Wilson L., a physician.

Mr. Peters was married to Mrs. Lydia Beckwith, his present wife, in 1863. She was the widow of Joel K. Beckwith, of Perry County, this State, and is the daughter of William and Lydia (Rogers) Coulson, who emigrated to Fairfield County in 1802. To our subject and his estimable wife has been born one son, Arthur C. Mrs. Peters by her first marriage had three children, namely: Frank D., Edwin J., and Belle L., who became the wife of Dr. Wilson L. Peters.

The Rev. Mr. Peters is a Republican in politics, and is active in all good works which tend to the elevation and development of his community. He has passed the three-quarter milestone on life's journey, and is hale and hearty for one of his advanced years. He is widely and favorably known in this county, his friends being as numerous as his acquaintances.

CHRISTOPHER HUMPHREYS is a progressive farmer, and a good representative of the class that is conducting the agricultural industries of Madison County. He has a large farm, finely equipped and well stocked, six miles southeast of Plain City, in Canaan Township, where he is actively engaged in general farming.

The township of Adams, in Muskingum County, is the birthplace of our subject, and there he was born March 1, 1838, into the household of Royal and Sarah (Haskins) Humphreys, who were natives respectively of County Fermanagh, Ireland, and Loudon County, Va. His father came to America when he was twenty-eight years old, and first located on a farm in Muskingum County, this State. The mother was a daughter of John and Jane Haskins, who came to Ohio when she was six years old, and were among the early pioneers of the State. The parents of our subject were married in Guernsey County, and after first living for a time in Muskingum County, they came to Madison County, and cast in their fortunes with its settlers, locating on the farm where our subject resides, in Canaan Township, in 1854. The father died here in his ninetieth year, and the mother in her seventy-eighth year. They were the parents of seven children, four daughters and three sons, of whom two sons and one daughter are now living: our subject; Marvyn, a retired farmer of Decatur, Ill., and Maggie, widow of J. B. Millikin, and a resident of Plain City.

He of whom we write is the fifth child and third son of his parents. He was sixteen years of age when, in 1854, he moved with his parents to Madison County, Ohio, remaining with them until his death. He inherited from his father, who was an intelligent, industrious farmer, with a thorough practical knowledge of agriculture, those traits of character that mark him as a man of much ability and

sterling common sense, and he has an aptitude for managing his affairs in a business-like, methodical way. He has a farm of four hundred and sixty-four acres of valuable land, all under cultivation, except fifty acres of fine timber. His farm is well supplied with buildings of a substantial class, with modern machinery, and everything to carry on a profitable general farming business, such as he is engaged in. He keeps on an average five hundred sheep, and has a fine flock at the present time, besides hogs of good grades, and he also handles from thirty-five to forty head of blooded cattle. He is thoroughly trusted and held in high regard by the people among whom he has lived so long, and who know him to be a man of fine character and genial disposition. He is a stalwart Republican, and for thirty-three years has stood firmly by his party in its triumphs and defeats. He has been Trustee of the township a number of times.

Mr. Humphreys was married January 17, 1882, to Miss Delphin J. Sharp, who was born and reared in Columbus, Franklin County. Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys have a very pleasant home, that is the seat of a charming hospitality, host and hostess vying with each other in the entertainment of their numerous friends whenever they happen beneath their roof. Their household is completed by their only daughter, Ida Almina.

ROBERT P. WARD, one of the Trustees of Walnut Township, Pickaway County, of which place he is a native, his birth occurring August 6, 1834, is the son of William P. and Hannah (Savines) Ward. The father was born in this State, while the mother, who hailed from New York, came to this section in an early day. The paternal ancestors of our subject were of English descent; his great-grandfather, William Ward, emigrated to the Buckeye State in 1802, locating in what is now Pickaway County.

William P. Ward, the father of our subject, had born to him a large family of children, of whom the following survive: William T., Robert P., Francis M., John H., and Sarah, Mrs. Jefferson Payne. He was one of the old pioneers of this section and was employed, as were all the early settlers, in subduing nature, building cabins, clearing land, breaking prairie, etc. Growing to manhood, he was disciplined in the stern school of experience and was thus prepared to meet every emergency with a steady and ready hand. Mr. William P. Ward died in 1888. In early life, he had been a Whig, but on the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks.

The original of this sketch was reared to man's estate in Walnut Township, and aided his father in clearing, grubbing, and improving the home farm; his first schooling was received in a log cabin, whose rude construction we have so often described in this volume. Suffice it to say, he made the best of his limited advantages and acquired enough knowledge to give him an impetus to go on by himself. He keeps thoroughly posted on all events of current interest, and, by systematic and judicious reading, ranks among the intelligent and wide-awake citizens of the county. Mr. Ward gives his entire time and attention to the cultivation of his estate, although for a number of years he operated a threshing-machine, and for some time ran a sawmill.

He of whom we write was married in 1857 to Miss Sarah J. Hedges, a sister of Joshua Hedges, of Walnut Township. They have been granted a family of six children, viz.: Charles A.; Hannah, Mrs. M. C. Dunnuck; Harriet, who married John Smith; Robert P.; Sarah E., Mrs. L. H. Ward; and Jennie H., the wife of William Limes. Mrs. Sarah Ward died in 1866, and our subject was married to his present wife April 23, 1868. She bore the maiden name of Harriet Bowman and was born in Walnut Township, this county, March 20, 1839. She was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Bowman, the father a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Pickaway County, this State. Mr. Bowman was brought to this county by his parents when a child and was reared to manhood in Washington Township. To him and his wife were born nine children, six of whom are living: Sarah, Mrs. George Brinker, Sr.; Rachel, who married Jacob

Courtwright; Harriet A.; Zelda J., Mrs. David Alder; Mary A., who married Samuel Stout; and John M.

Mr. Ward has been the recipient of the office of Trustee for a number of years and served his fellow-men as Assessor for a period of nine years in succession. He has also been Land Appraiser of Walnut Township, and otherwise has been very prominent in local affairs. In politics, our subject votes the Democratic ticket, and socially is identified with the Masonic order. He owns a quarter-section of land, which brings him a fine income, and enjoys the confidence of the business public.

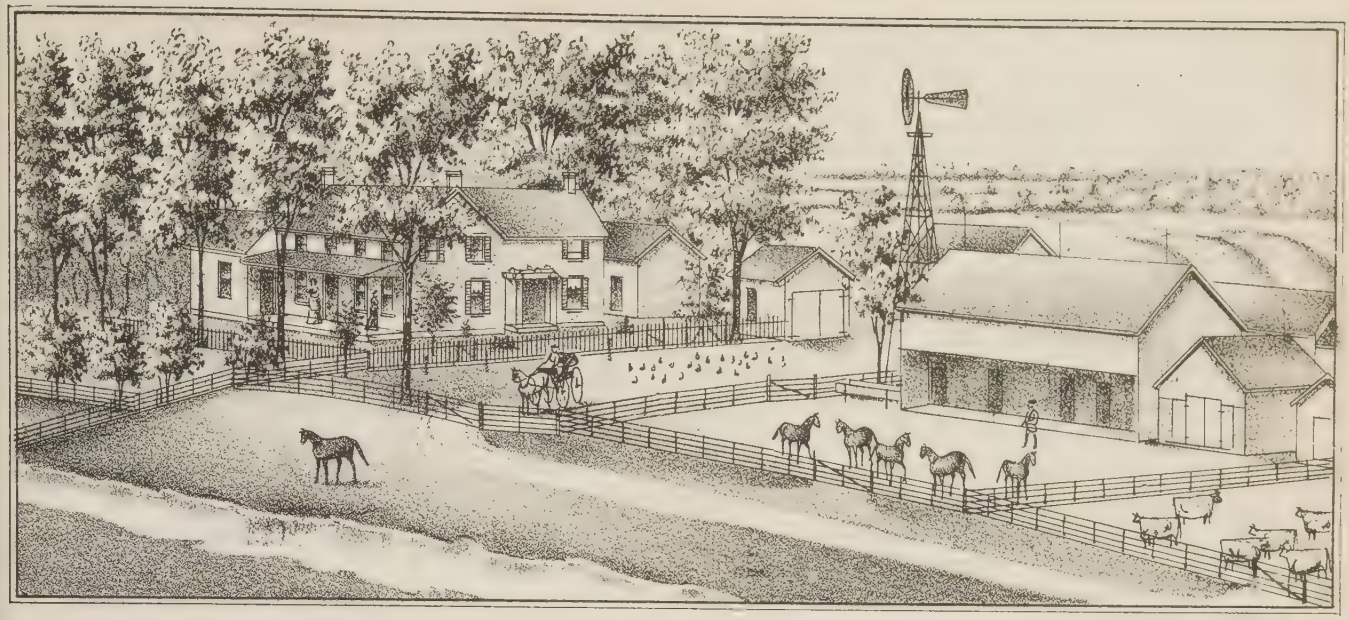
ALLAN CAMPBELL McARTHUR, farmer and stock-raiser of Pickaway County, and one of the progressive, thoroughgoing men of his section, was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, on the 4th of March, 1854. His father, Allan McArthur, was also born at that place, on the large estate known as "Fruit Hill Farm," owned by his father, ex-Gov. Duncan McArthur, who was of Scotch parentage.

The latter was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1772, and when eight years of age his father removed to the frontier of Pennsylvania. His parents being in poor circumstances, Duncan soon hired out as a laborer, and when eighteen years of age was a volunteer in Gen. Harman's campaign. In 1792, he was a private in the company of Capt. William Enoch and displayed so much bravery and intrepidity in the battle of Captina that he became a great favorite. After this, for some time he was a laborer at some salt works in Maysville, Ky., and in the spring of 1793 engaged as chain-bearer to Gen. Nathaniel Massie and penetrated with him and others into the Scioto Valley to make surveys, at a time when such an enterprise was full of danger on account of hostile Indians. He was afterward employed as a spy against the Indians on the Ohio River, and had some thrilling adventures with the red-skins. He was again with Gen. Massie, and after the treaty at Greenville he studied surveying, became assistant surveyor to Gen. Massie and aided him to lay out Chillicothe. While thus engaged, he was interested in the purchase and sale of lands and in this manner became the owner of much landed wealth.

In 1805, he was a member of the State Legislature from Ross County, Ohio, and the following year was elected Colonel, and in 1808 Major-General of the State Militia. In May, 1812, he was commissioned Colonel in the Ohio Volunteers, afterward marched to Detroit, and himself and regiment were included in Hull's surrender. He was second in command on this unfortunate expedition, but such was the energy he displayed, that, notwithstanding his return as a prisoner of war on parole, the Democratic party elected him to Congress in the fall of 1812 by an overwhelming majority. In March, 1813, he was commissioned Brigadier-General in the army, and having been regularly exchanged as a prisoner of war, soon after resigned his seat in Congress to engage in active service. He served all through the war, and when Gen. Harrison resigned, he took command of the New York army, and was at Detroit when peace was declared.

In the fall of 1815, he was again elected to the Legislature, and in the next year was appointed commissioner to negotiate a treaty with the Indians at Springwell, near Detroit. He acted in the same capacity at the treaty of Ft. Meigs in September, 1817, and also at the treaty at St. Mary's the succeeding year. In 1817, he was chosen Speaker of the Legislature, and in 1819 was again elected to that body. The year 1832 saw him again chosen to Congress and he became an undeviating supporter of what was then called the "American System." While Gen. McArthur remained a member of Congress, he wielded considerable influence in that body. His persevering industry, energetic mind, sound judgment and practical business habits rendered him a very efficient member.

After having served two sessions in Congress, Gen. McArthur declined re-election, being determined to devote all his efforts to arranging his domestic affairs. However, in 1830, he was elected Governor of Ohio by the anti-Jackson party, and



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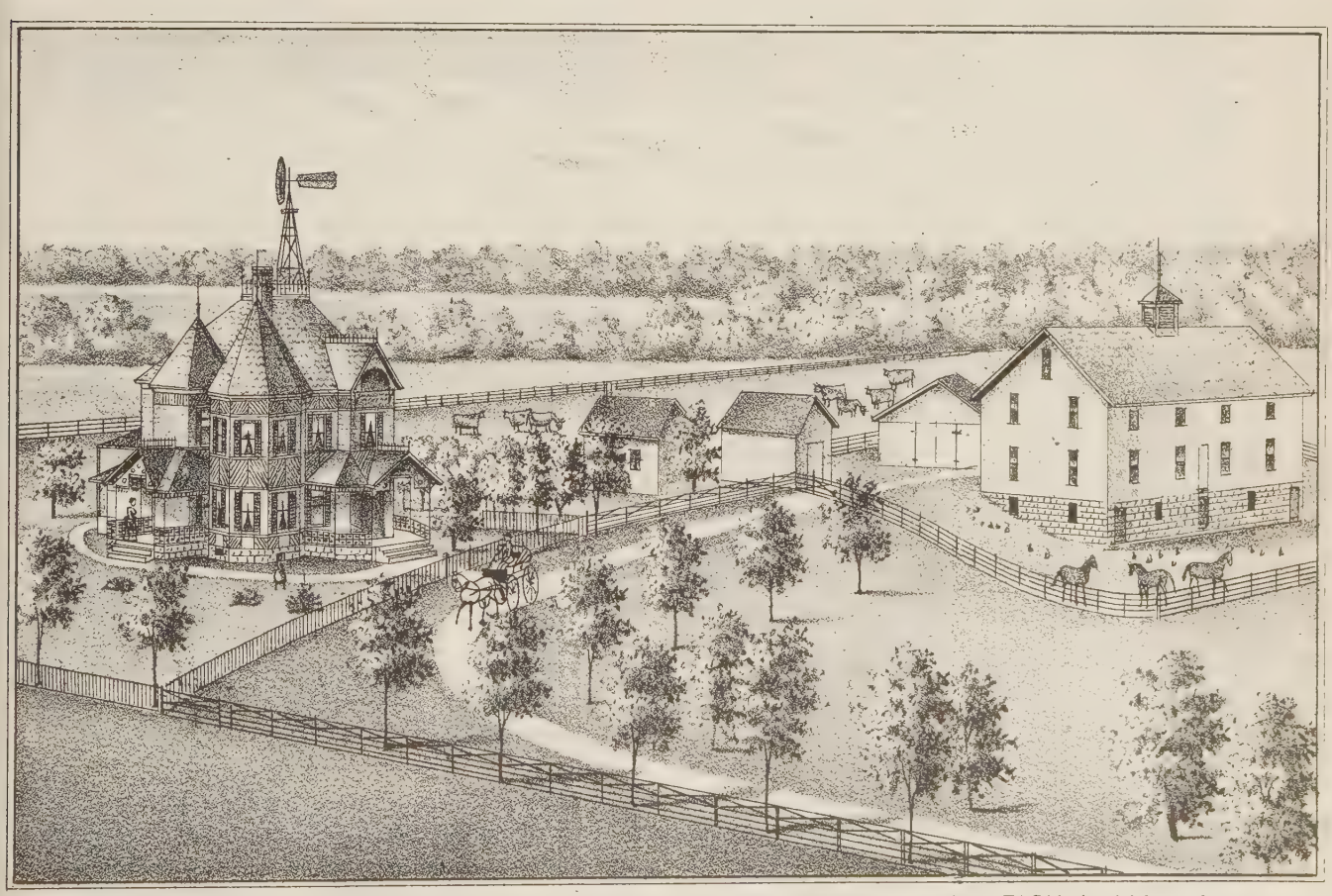

"CRESCENT TERRACE." RES. OF ALLAN C. Mc. ARTHUR, JACKSON TP., PICKAWAY CO., OHIO.

at the close of his term of office retired to private life. By an unfortunate accident in June, 1830, he was horribly bruised and maimed, and from this severe misfortune his bodily and mental powers constantly declined until several years later, when death closed his career. So ended the life of one of the brightest men of the State—a man in whom the qualities of genius and common sense were strangely blended. He was prudent, far-sighted and resolute; thoughtful, calm and just; patient, tender-hearted and great. From obscurity, he rose to the highest office in the gift of the State.

Allan McArthur, father of our subject, was reared in his native city, studied law, and became an attorney at the Ohio Bar. Like his father, he studied surveying but did not put it to much practical use, preferring to follow his profession. He resided in Scioto County, Ohio, for some time, then moved to Pickaway County, and thence back to Chillicothe, where he practiced his profession and surveying until his death in 1858, when fifty-two years of age. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. His wife, the mother of our subject, was formerly Olive Whitney, and was born in Portsmouth, Ohio. Her grandfather, Rulaff Whitney, was of English descent, born in New York State, near the Lakes, and was a successful business man, owning large brick and lumber yards, and also a store in Portsmouth as early as 1821. The mother of our subject died in Pickaway County in 1884.

Of the eight children born to this worthy couple, seven daughters and one son, our subject was the seventh in order of birth. Only three are now living: our subject, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Morris, of this county. Allan Campbell McArthur was reared in Chillicothe until six years of age and then went to Covington, Ky., where he attended school until fifteen years of age. After this, he went to De Witt County, Ill., near Clinton and worked for his brothers-in-law from that time until 1877. Part of the time, he was with his brother-in-law, Van Bibber, of Cincinnati, manufacturer of the Printer's Roller Composition, and was in partnership with him for some time. At the last-mentioned date, he located on his mother's farm of three hundred and sixty-five acres, in Jackson and Wayne Townships, four miles west of Circleville, and managed the place for nine years, or until his mother's death. After this, the "McArthur Will Case Suit" took up a great deal of his attention, for he determined to have what rightfully belonged to him and although the case was of twelve years' standing, he bore all the expenses for the last eight years and finally obtained his rights. Mr. McArthur is the owner of a vast amount of real estate, and has three hundred and twenty-five acres in Jackson Township, fine bottom land on Darby Creek, on which he has erected a fine residence at a cost of $5,000, and fine barns, etc. He owns extensive farms in Union, Clark, Ross and Scioto Counties and is one of the prominent and most successful young business men of the county. A view of his elegant residence is shown elsewhere in this work.

At Des Moines, Iowa, in November, 1886, Mr. McArthur was married to Miss Teresa, daughter of William Whitney, who was born at Portsmouth, Ohio. He was a large owner of canal boats, and an extensive grain shipper, and a very prominent and successful business man. His death occurred in 1890, when seventy-eight years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Elcy Van Vorhees, was born in Kentucky, and was a daughter of Jacob Van Vorhees, of the Keystone State, but an early settler of Kentucky. Later, he moved to Portsmouth, Ohio, and was a prominent capitalist there. In 1888, our subject and his wife removed to Knox County, Tenn., near McMillan, and there bought five hundred acres, which he began cultivating, but on account of his wife's ill health he returned to Pickaway County, in December, 1890. They have one child, Dorothy. Mr. McArthur is a Democrat in politics, and served as Treasurer of Jackson Township for one year, besides filling other positions of trust.

GEORGE R. HASWELL, Superintendent and Secretary of the Circleville Water Supply Company, and also agent at the Main Street Depot of the Scioto Valley Railroad, is a prominent young man, and stands well both in social and business circles. He is Secretary of the

Pickaway Rod and Gun Club, and is prominently identified with all movements that have for their object the welfare of the town and county.

Our subject was born in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, on the 22d of February, 1867, and his father, Joe Haswell, was also a native of Circleville, where he was in the hardware business for some time. The latter died in this town in 1874. The mother, whose maiden name was Emma E. Bolin, was born and educated in Circleville, Ohio, and the daughter of John P. Bolin, a native of Virginia. (See sketch of A. R. Bolin.)

W. E. Bolin, the uncle of our subject, was born in Virginia, and came to Circleville, Ohio, when a child. He received a good practical education in the common and select schools, and subsequently tilled the soil on his father's farm. He drove large herds of cattle East, and became thoroughly familiar with farming and stock-raising. Later, he located in the town of Circleville, and was Constable there when less than twenty-three years of age. He was subsequently appointed Deputy Sheriff, which position he held for four years, and was then elected Sheriff, discharging the duties of that office in a fearless and capable manner for two terms. This was during the war. At one time, he went to Illinois and arrested the desperate murderer Smith, whom he brought back with him. After this, he was engaged in tilling the soil for some time, and from 1881 to 1888, was engaged in grain dealing from his farm in Wayne Township. During this time, he was on the council for ten years, and he worked the water-works through, being subsequently appointed by the New York firm as Superintendent of the same. He started the Franklin Street sewer, but it was defeated by the people. In politics, he affiliated with the Democratic party, and was a public-spirited citizen. He was appointed Mayor of the town, held this position fifteen months, and died in July, 1890, when an incumbent of that office. He was one of the county's best citizens, and was universally respected.

The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in Circleville, and in 1881, he entered the employ of W. E. Bolin, in the warehouse, where he remained until 1888. He soon became Mr. Bolin's book-keeper, and continued as such until the above-mentioned date, when he became book-keeper for Bell & Coldwell, for one year. In the year 1887, he became ticket agent for the N. & W. Railroad, and that position he still holds. On the 1st of July, 1890, he became Superintendent and Secretary in place of W. E. Bolin, and had done all the business of that office before being appointed by the New York corporation. Socially, he is a Knight of Pythias, and is Sir Knight Lieutenant of the Uniform Rank. In politics, he is an ardent admirer of the Democratic party, and advocates the principles of the same.

JACOB MILLAR. This well-known pioneer, who is everywhere respected for his sterling worth, makes his home in Madison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, where he has a fine farm of four thousand acres, all the result of industry and good management. He was born in this township and county on the 5th of November, 1817, and here he received the training of pioneer life and of the log schoolhouse.

His parents, Isaac and Susan (Decker) Millar, were natives of Hampshire County, Va., and in that State they remained until about 1812, when the fertile soil of Ohio tempted them to make a settlement within its borders. They made the trip from Virginia to the Buckeye State on horseback, and carried all their worldly goods with them. In two weeks' time they reached Pickaway County, made a settlement on the farm where our subject now resides, and, although the land was wild and the implements they used on it rude and uncouth, the soil was rich, and as the work of clearing progressed and the crops were put in, it yielded a rich return. This worthy couple began housekeeping in a log cabin in the woods and experienced more than the usual hardships of pioneers. They had very little to begin with, everything was new and strange, settlers were very few and far between, but they never became discouraged, and worked early and late to make a home in the wilderness. As the years passed, Mr. Millar added

greatly to the value of his place in the improvements he placed upon it. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Millar, two beside our subject are now living: Elizabeth, Mrs. Musselman, a widow; and Mrs. Hannah Brown. The father was called from the scenes of his earthly cares in the year 1881, when ninety-eight years of age, and in his death the county lost not only one of its typical pioneers, but an honest, industrious and much-esteemed citizen.

The subject of this sketch was reared on the land where he now lives, and his earliest memory is of assisting his father to clear the farm of the brush and timber with which it was covered. He remembers the rude farming implements used at that time, and relates many interesting anecdotes of those early days. He attended the log cabin school and generally subscribed for about three months a year, although a pupil who attended regularly was considered fortunate indeed. Instead of the easy patent seats of to-day, slabs, resting on four wooden legs, served the young pioneers for seats, and puncheons for flooring. Although educated in this rude way, our subject improved every opportunity offered and is now a well-informed man.

On the 12th of November, 1854, he was married to Miss Florentine Kaufman, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, born August 24, 1831, and the daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Ebert) Kaufman, natives of Pennsylvania, the father born in Berks and the mother in Lehigh County. Both parents came to Ohio when young people and after marriage settled in Fairfield County, of that State. The seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Millar are as follows: Susan E., wife of Edwin Peters, of Franklin County, Ohio; Dewitt C., of Madison Township, this county; Mary F., wife of Joseph O. McCray, of Fairfield County, Ohio; Hannah Rebecca, wife of Franklin Baum, of Harrison Township, this county; Cora B., wife of Seymour Smith, of Harrison Township, this county; Lucretia, wife of Charles Snyder, of Pickaway County, Ohio; and John D., at home.

Mr. Millar is a Republican in politics and is in favor of everything to promote the welfare of the county. Perhaps being a native-born resident of the county he takes more interest in its progress and development than the average man. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, as is also his worthy wife, and he has served as Elder in the same for some time. Since the spring of 1889, Mr. Millar has been afflicted with rheumatic gout, the joints of his limbs being paralyzed, rendering him practically helpless. He is well known all over the county as a man whose word is as good as his bond, and whose honesty and uprightness have never been questioned.

ROBERT WORTHINGTON is engaged in farming and stock-raising on his homestead in Concord Township, Fayette County. He is the second son of Joseph C. and Harriet (Shields) Worthington, natives of Ross County, this State, the father's birth occurring February 8, 1804, and his mother's June 28, 1807. They are at present residing in Highland County, well advanced in years.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Virginia. With his brother Thomas, who later became Governor of Ohio, he emigrated to this State in 1800. He was drafted into the War of 1812, but his two sons, Ephraim and John, served in his place. Joseph C. Worthington was a self-educated man, and began in life empty-handed. He has resided on his present farm in Highland County since his marriage, and possesses one of the most beautiful estates in his neighborhood. His estimable wife has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the past fifty years. She is a most excellent lady and well beloved in her community. Although not connected with any religious denomination, Mr. Worthington contributes cheerfully of his means toward their support. In politics, he votes the Republican ticket.

The parental family of our subject included four sons, all of whom are living, with one exception. Robert, of this sketch, was born September 28, 1831, in Highland County. He was given a common-school education, which knowledge he has

since supplemented by a systematic and thorough course of reading and study. Mr. Worthington has always followed the occupation of an agriculturist.

In March, 1853, Miss Catherine, daughter of Elias and Hannah (Ayers) Cox, became the wife of our subject. Her parents, who were early settlers in Highland County, were prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and well-to-do in this world's goods. Mrs. Worthington was born in 1830, and by her union with our subject became the mother of one son, Joseph W., who married Annie Reed and makes his home in Concord Township. Mrs. Worthington passed from this life March 17, 1854, and our subject, December 10, 1863, was again married, the lady of his choice being Jennie S., daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Murry) McDowell, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Worthington was born June 22, 1840, and bore her husband two children: Margaret, Mrs. Spencer Calvert, makes her home in Hillsboro, this State, and has two children, and William, who resides with his parents. Miss Margaret is a graduate of the Female College of Hillsboro, completing her studies with the Class of '86. They also reared another child, Rhoda Tobin, who came to them when but four years old, and remained with them until her marriage, which occurred when she was twenty-two years old, November 5, 1885, when she married Elmer Rowe. She has always had the highest regard for her foster parents, as she was treated as one of the children. William attended for four years the Valparaiso (Ind.) Normal School, from which institution he was graduated in 1891.

After starting out in life on his own responsibility, our subject worked for a time on his father's farm. His persistent industry has been rewarded, however, as to-day he is the proprietor of an estate numbering twelve hundred and twenty-three acres, only two hundred acres of which are in timber, the rest being placed under excellent improvement. His estate is supplied with all the necessary buildings, not the least among which is his comfortable and spacious residence. He has three tenant houses on his land, which bears all other modern improvements.

Mr. Worthington gives his attention almost exclusively to stock-raising, handling two hundred head of cattle and between four and five hundred head of sheep. With his estimable wife, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Staunton, being one of the influential and liberal contributors to its support. He has been Steward of his denomination for the past seventeen years and has held the office of Trustee. Mr. Worthington is greatly interested in Sunday-school matters. He and his good wife have been teachers for years.

In politics, our subject is a Republican and was Trustee of Concord Township, where he has been a resident for over forty years. He was called upon to participate in the Morgan raid in 1863, and on going to Chillicothe the company was stationed in a cooper-shop. Mr. Worthington not being able to eat his meals with his comrades, bought them wherever he could. He finally was quartered with the father of Mrs. Worthington, and it was at that time that he met his future wife. During the following summer, Miss Jennie visited relatives in the neighborhood of Sabina, and our subject was of course attentive to her out of consideration for the friendly treatment he received when an inmate of her home. They are both greatly respected in their community, where their friends are as numerous as their acquaintances.

JOSIAH WARD is a prominent farmer and stock-raiser residing on section 17, Walnut Township, Pickaway County. His estate is well kept, and by a proper rotation of crops brings its owner handsome returns. Mr. Ward was born September 2, 1830, in the above-named township, and therefore takes a greater interest in this section than he would were it otherwise.

The parents of our subject were James and Elizabeth (Brobst) Ward, natives of Virginia. His grandfather, William Ward, hailed from England, and was a nephew of Commodore Ward, of the American navy, with whom he crossed the ocean. On locating in America, he chose Virginia as his abiding-place, where he remained until May, 1802, when he took up his abode in this State, settling

in the woods of what is now Walnut Township, Pickaway County. There he entered land from the Government, erected a log cabin, and prepared to cultivate the primitive soil. Our subject has in his possession the original patent, issued under the administration of President Thomas Jefferson. Here William Ward died in 1814.

The father of our subject accompanied his father on the removal to the Buckeye State, and on returning to his native State, to celebrate a very interesting and important event, he walked the entire distance, numbering three hundred miles, in six days. After his marriage, he came to his new home, the young couple making the journey on horseback. They became the parents of a large family of children, of whom we mention the following: Eliza, Mrs. James Anderson; Peter, Josiah and Daniel. Mr. Ward passed from this life in 1863, and his estimable wife, who survived him a few years, died in 1877.

Josiah Ward, of this sketch, was reared to man's estate among the pioneer scenes of Walnut Township, the privations and hardships of which time have made a lasting impression upon his mind. He has performed his share of clearing and improving the land for those who should come after and now ranks among the well-to-do and progressive agriculturists of this township. His education was very limited, being confined to a few months' attendance at the subscription schools, the temple of learning being constructed of logs, with puncheon floor, slab seats, and with boards set on pin-legs placed around the room for writing-desks. He keeps thoroughly posted upon all topics of general interest, and is a very entertaining conversationalist.

July 4, 1866, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Paulina Smith, by whom he became the father of five children, four of whom are living, namely: Charles A., Oscar P., Ida M. and Woodford S. Jennie is deceased. Mr. Ward's second wife was Mary B. Smith, who died five weeks after her marriage. His third wife, Anna Huber, was the mother of two children, who bear the respective names of Minerva P. and Mary E.

The original of this sketch enlisted in the Union army in May, 1864, joining Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry. His regiment served under Gens. Butler and Grant, operating nine days in front of Richmond, when they moved with Grant's army around to Petersburg. They were sent to Norfolk, Va., where they assisted in making a raid into North Carolina. Our subject was honorably discharged August 27, 1864, at Camp Dennison, after which he returned to Ohio, and resumed the peaceful pursuits of agriculture.

Mr. Ward was for a number of years a member of Nebraska Post No. 70, G. A. R., serving as its Chaplain. In politics, he is a stanch Republican, and takes a warm interest in all measures which have a tendency to elevate and upbuild his community. He is identified with the Grange, occupying an honored position in that body. Mr. Ward owns a splendid estate of one hundred and seventy-six acres, one hundred and fifty-one of which are included in the home farm. He has placed the entire amount under good cultivation, and gives his entire time and attention to raising the cereals and good grades of stock. He has seen the gradual evolution of the land in this county from its original wild state to its present prosperity and productiveness, and is thus numbered among the pioneers of Pickaway County.

EZRA HYRE is an excellent farmer, who thoroughly understands his calling, and is doing his share to promote the agricultural interests of Fayette County by the careful cultivation of his farm in Union Township. He is a son of Amzi Hyre, who was born in one of the early homes of this township, in the month of April, 1813. The latter married Elizabeth Miller, who was a daughter of George Miller, who had come to Union Township from Pendleton County, Va. The Hyres reared a family of eight children, of whom seven grew to manhood and womanhood, and five of them are yet living, namely: Mary, wife of T. J. Thompson, of Jasper Township; Aaron, a resident farmer of Jasper Township; our subject; George, a farmer who lives near Springfield, in Clarke County; and Louis G., a farmer of Jasper Town-

ship. Ellen died at the age of sixteen years; Harley died aged twenty-seven years; and Sarah died at the age of twenty-four years.

The subject of this biographical notice was born in Jasper Township, October 4, 1851. After his education in the public schools was completed, he worked at the trade of a carpenter and on a farm, until he was married, his marriage with Katherine G., daughter of Capt. Henkle, of whom a sketch appears in this volume, taking place December 28, 1876. After that, he was employed by the day or month for a year, and then went to farming for himself. He settled on the place where he now lives in 1872. He owns thirteen acres of well-improved land, and rents the remainder that he farms. He is industrious, uses sound judgment in carrying on his operations, is a good manager, and finds agriculture a profitable employment. He is a man of good habits, stands well in the estimation of his neighbors and associates, and he is a most worthy member of the Methodist Protestant Church, taking an active part in church and Sunday-school work. In politics, he is a thorough Republican. He and his amiable wife have a cheerful, cozy home, in which comfort abounds, and their home circle is completed by their two boys, Wilbur A., who was born May 29, 1879; and Harry A., March 18, 1884.

BENJAMIN DUVALL. In former years, the life of the farmer was considered a laborious one, but in this progressive age, with such improvements in machinery, he can do his work with half the dispatch or labor required in the time of his father, and, in fact, works but little, if any, harder than the average man who strives to make a living. Besides all this, he is independent, which is one of the much sought for conditions of life. Mr. Duvall, is one of the successful farmers who has kept thoroughly apace with the times and has reached the condition of life above mentioned. He was born in Harrison Township, Pickaway County, on the 31st of October, 1822, of the union of Benjamin and Nancy (Reid) Duvall, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Ireland. The latter was but eight years of age when she emigrated to America with her parents, early in the present century. The father of our subject made the journey from Pennsylvania to Ohio on foot, and settled in Pickaway County, where he was shortly afterward married to Miss Nancy Reid. After residing in various places, Mr. and Mrs. Duvall made a permanent settlement in Harrison Township and began their pioneer life in a log cabin in the woods. They had the usual experiences and adventures of early settlers, but were not discouraged and soon became the owners of a fine home, all the result of hard work and perseverance. The children born to them were as follows: George, William R. and Benjamin. In 1864, the father of these children died, when eighty-five years of age, and in his death the county lost one of its representative citizens and well-known pioneers. He was public-spirited and, in politics was an old-line Whig, although in later years he affiliated with the Republican party. His brother-in-law, Robert Reid, served through the War of 1812.

Our subject early became familiar with pioneer life and can remember when deer and wolves were numerous in the county and when one could have wild turkey for dinner almost any day. He was always interested in agricultural pursuits, and when he started out for himself that was his chosen occupation. His educational advantages were received in the old-fashioned log schoolhouse, with slab seats, immense fireplace and other rude contrivances, and, although he did not acquire much knowledge, he laid the foundation for future efforts in that direction. He assisted his father in clearing three farms and then began clearing one hundred and sixty acres of his own, accomplishing nearly all this himself.

In March, 1868, our subject was happily married to Miss Nancy Reid, a native of Madison Township, Pickaway County, born September 14, 1825, and the daughter of James and Hannah (Kelly) Reid, natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Reid were among the early settlers of Madison Township. Of the six children born to them, only two beside Mrs. Duvall

are living: Catherine, now the widow of Edwin Long, and Thomas H. Mr. and Mrs. Duvall's union was blessed by the birth of one son, James R.

In 1866, Mr. Duvall settled on his present farm, which he had developed and transformed into one of the finest tracts in the county. He has accomplished much hard work in his day, probably as much as any man in the township, and can now take things easy and enjoy the fruits of his labor. He and his wife, who has ever been thrifty and economical, are classed among the representative pioneers of this section and are highly esteemed. Duvall station and postoffice were named in honor of our subject.

ALBERT J. HEINTZELMAN, of London, is a young journalist of much talent, and of more than ordinary energy, enterprise and business tact, who is successfully conducting no less than three popular and well-edited papers—*The Nickel Plate*, a daily publication; *The Weekly Vigilant*; and *The Jeffersonian*, also a weekly. Our subject is a native of Cincinnati, born in that city January 6, 1867. His father, Jacob Heintzelman, who died in London in 1870, was a native of Wittenberg, Germany, and came to this country when a young man. He made many trips to the Fatherland before his marriage, and on his return voyages he brought several families of his compatriots to the United States at his own expense, so impressed was he with the many advantages this country offered to an industrious people for the upbuilding of comfortable homes. He himself was an intelligent, active man, of excellent business habits, and public-spirited to a degree. He made his home in Cincinnati until within six weeks of his death, when he came to London for the benefit of his health. He left a wife and three children: Signor, Albert J. and Mary.

Our subject and his brother received their education at St. Mary's Institute, Dayton, and each, when twelve years of age, was sent to a printing office to learn the art of type-setting, and after serving an apprenticeship, they engaged in business for themselves, Signor establishing the present London weekly *Vigilant*, and Albert becoming editor and proprietor of the London *Times*, one of the oldest and best Republican papers in Madison County, entering the editorial profession before he attained the age of twenty-one years, his previous weekly earnings being his business capital.

In 1889, this enterprising journalist launched a daily paper, *The Nickel Plate*, and later purchased the weekly *Vigilant* from his brother. In 1891, he started still another paper, publishing at West Jefferson a weekly entitled the *Jeffersonian*. In his successful management of these three papers, which are well up to the standard of the best publications of their kind in the State, and in profitably conducting the largest job printing establishment in Madison County, he has shown himself to be a veritable Napoleon in the editorial field, as well as a financier of no mean ability, who has already acquired a valuable property, although so young, and he bids fair to become one of the wealthy men of the county.

JOHN W. GREEN, who is a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Range Township, Madison County, occupies a high position in the agricultural community. He is a native of this State, having been born July 10, 1848, in Paint Township, Fayette County, on a farm located two miles south of Sedalia. His parents were Lewis and Elizabeth (Alkire) Green, the former of whom departed this life in Fayette County, when our subject was a lad of five years.

John W. Green is the fourth in order of birth of six children, and after the death of the father, with his eldest sister, Margaret, now Mrs. Salomon, was taken into the home of an uncle, W. H. Alkire, with whom he remained until reaching his majority. He was given a good education in the common schools and was reared to farm pursuits. He was married, March 30, 1871, to Miss Jennie Bostwick, of Mt. Sterling, who was born in Fayette County, May 19, 1850. Mrs. Green is the daughter of Oliver and Melinda (Thomas) Bostwick, and

was given a fair education. About six months after his marriage, our subject moved to his present home, his estate comprising four hundred acres, a portion of which is in the possession of his uncle, W. H. Alkire, the rest being the old homestead in Fayette County.

Mrs. Green's father died when she was seventeen years of age, and her mother departed this life July 14, 1885. She has become the mother of two sons: George William, who was born April 14, 1872, has been given an excellent education, attending two years at Midway High School, and Ross B., who was born August 18, 1875, took a three-years' course at that institution. The mother of our subject died October 9, 1881, in Fayette County, this State.

The original of this sketch cast his first Presidential ballot in 1872 for U. S. Grant, and although not a politician, has served as Judge of elections of his township and has been delegate to county conventions. In social matters, he is a Mason, having become identified with that fraternity at Midway in 1874, and has taken the third degree.

JAMES M. BAUGHN. Some of the most thorough and efficient agriculturists of Ohio are those who have devoted themselves quite exclusively to the cultivation of the soil and are rapidly making this State headquarters for the grain-producing region, thus gaining for her a reputation in the marts of the world. The gentleman of whom we write is residing on a good farm in Jasper Township, Fayette County, which he has labored industriously to bring to its present productive state.

The subject of this sketch is the son of Lister and Margaret (Hitt) Baughn, natives of Virginia, where they were farmers. They were married in that State and, coming to Ohio at a very early day in its history as a State, located in Union Township, this county, where the father improved a farm and departed this life in 1820; his good wife died some years later, greatly respected by all who enjoyed her acquaintance. To them were born a family of eight children, two of whom are living: our subject and Lister.

James M. Baughn was born in Union Township, July 4, 1814, and was reared to farm pursuits on his father's farm. His advantages for obtaining an education were very limited, for after the death of his father the mother found it necessary to keep him at home to aid in conducting the farm. He was thus engaged until reaching his twenty-fourth year, and March 15, 1840, was married to Elizabeth Bush, the daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Baughn) Bush, natives of the Old Dominion. Her parents accompanied their respective families to Ohio early in the nineteenth century, and met and married in Union Township, where they continued to make their home until their death, the father departing this life in 1831, and the mother about 1880. Of the nine children born to them, eight are now living, Mrs. Baughn's birth occurring September 13, 1816.

After his marriage, our subject and his young bride resided for nine years in Union Township, at which date they removed to their present farm, when it was in its original wildness. He has made this tract his home for almost half a century and has in his possession now ninety-two and one-half acres of valuable land, which he has placed under the best methods of improvement and added to its value by erecting there good and substantial buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Baughn have been granted a family of eleven children, seven of whom are living. They are William M., who married Catherine Hynes, and lives in Jefferson Township; Elisha H., who took for his wife Lavinia A. Bush, and makes his home in Jasper Township; Berryman married Isabella Rupert, and also lives in this township; Lister married Ella V. Fernow, who died in May, 1889; Susan A. is the wife of Oscar Yeoman and resides in Wayne Township; James N. married Mary A. Sutton and makes this township his home, as does also A. Ezra, who became the husband of Maggie Ellis.

Our subject has been very active in religious matters and with his good wife is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, in which denomina-

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tion he is Trustee. In politics, he is a stanch Democrat, casting his first vote for Martin Van Buren. Three sons of Mr. Baughn served during the Civil War, William M. and Joseph H. in Company C, Ninetieth Ohio Infantry. The latter was killed in the battle of Nashville, Tenn., after having served his country a period of three years. William served the entire time of his enlistment, three years, and returned home safely. Elisha H. was a member of the One Hundred and Sixty-eight Infantry and aided in capturing the enemy at Cynthiana, Ky. The family of Mr. Baughn are classed among the best citizens of this section and have aided greatly in its development and upbuilding.

WILLIAM ALBERT WELCH. In every community there will be found some men who are looked upon as leaders, and whose influence, both strong and broad, carries weight in all enterprises of public importance. Among such leaders we find the popular Mayor of New Holland, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page. By profession he is an attorney, and is also the editor of the New Holland *Leader*, one of the influential newspapers of Pickaway County.

On account of the poverty of his parents, our subject was in youth deprived of many of the advantages which are enjoyed by boys whose parents are well-to-do, but by his determination and energy he succeeded in passing a very difficult examination before the Commissioners of Law, and is to-day a gentleman of broad knowledge, not only of his chosen profession, but of all matters pertaining to the general welfare.

The paternal grandfather of our subject settled in Pike County, Ohio, in 1810, and there resided until his death. In that county, John W. Welch, the father of our subject, was born, and there he made his home until 1876, when he removed to Pickaway County, where he resided until 1880, when he emigrated to Allen County, Kan. His home was in the Sunflower State until his death, which occurred in Neosho County in 1885. His wife, Elizabeth, was the daughter of Benjamin Delay, a native of Virginia. Both branches of the family came from the vicinity of Harper's Ferry, in the Shenandoah Valley.

In Pike County, Ohio, where he was born August 16, 1853, our subject passed his boyhood in the usual manner of farmer lads. Until the age of sixteen years, he attended the common schools, but was then compelled to devote his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. His love of knowledge, however, did not cease with his school days, but he was ardently determined to gain a good education, and it was his custom, when night brought release from the hard manual labor of the day, to study his books until midnight or later, the only light being that furnished by a pine or shellbark-hickory torch.

At the age of twenty, Mr. Welch commenced to teach, and followed that profession most of the time until his admission to the Bar, April 23, 1879. Ever since he was ten years old, the study and practice of law had been his ambition, and, with that object in view, he worked steadily forward until he acquired all the attainments for this profession and, although comparatively a young man, he is to-day recognized as one of the leading attorneys in the county and has an extended practice in his own and adjoining counties. He has always been very successful in his practice and is admired and respected not only for his legal abilities, but for his clean and honorable methods in practice.

Recognizing the abilities of Mr. Welch, the citizens of New Holland have four times elected him to the office of Mayor, the highest gift within their power, and he is now serving in that capacity with honor and efficiency. During his term of administration, he has been instrumental in promoting the welfare of the place along various lines and has effected many desirable municipal reforms. In addition to this position, he has been City Solicitor for a number of years, Township Clerk for five years, and is a member of the Board of Education. He was nominated for Prosecuting Attorney on the Republican ticket, also for State Senator, and in the campaign for

the last-named position carried the largest majority from his township of any previous candidate on the Republican ticket, but was defeated on account of the county being strongly Democratic.

December 25, 1878, Mr. Welch was married to Miss Elizabeth Thomas, a native of Perry Township, Pickaway County, and a daughter of Samuel P. Thomas, one of the most prominent and highly-esteemed citizens of the county.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. William A. Welch: Homer G., born September 4, 1879, and Ethel, September 4, 1881. Mr. Welch is a member of New Holland Blue Lodge No. 392; Fayette Chapter and Garfield Commandery; Lodge No. 237, K. of P., and the Sons of Veterans. Like his father before him, he has always been a Republican in politics. His father was one of two Abolitionists in his county and was threatened several times to be hanged, on account of his strong anti-slavery views. The religious belief of Mr. Welch accords with the Methodist Episcopal Church, but in religion, as in everything else, he is broad-minded and liberal in his views. He resides in a very cozy home, surrounded by a charming family, and his domestic happiness is perfect. With a large legal practice, great popularity as an editor and hosts of friends, Mr. Welch is indeed to be envied, and is a splendid example of what a man can achieve when he industriously performs the labors of life.

JAMES STRALEY, United States Claim and Pension Attorney of Jeffersonville, Fayette County, was born in this county, December 21, 1829. His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Straley, natives of the Old Dominion. They were married in their native State, and about the year 1822 came to Ohio, traveling through the wilderness in wagons. They settled in Fayette County, about four miles southwest of what is now Jeffersonville, in a sparsely settled region. The father purchased a tract of land which was covered with timber and at once set to work to convert it into fertile fields. On this place he resided until his death. The grandfather of our subject, Christian Straley by name, was born in Germany and came to this country in an early day.

The parents of our subject had fourteen children born to them, eleven of whom are now living. Our subject was reared in his native county and here obtained his education in the public schools, which were of a primitive sort. He remained on the farm until he became of age, when he was married. In the year 1864, our subject enlisted in the late war and participated in the battle of Cynthiana, Ky., at which place he was captured and taken prisoner, but after a time was paroled. He served as First Sergeant of Company G, and his brother Samuel B. was Second-Lieutenant of the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio Infantry. The camp was organized at Dennison, Ohio, from the 12th to the 19th of May, 1864, and served one hundred days. At the battle of Cynthiana, the regiment lost seven men, had eighteen wounded and two hundred and eighty captured.

On being mustered out of service, he of whom we write returned to his home and resumed the mercantile business at West Lancaster, where he had commenced in business some years previous to the war. This he carried on until January, 1865, when he again came to Washington C. H., and, having been elected to the honorable position of Sheriff of his county in the previous October, took up the duties of his newly-made position. He served four years in this office and at the expiration of that time he purchased a farm near West Lancaster and there remained until 1875. He again removed to Washington C. H. and embarked in the insurance and real-estate business, carrying this on until 1879, when he removed to Jeffersonville, and of this city has since been a resident and is here engaged profitably in the grocery business.

February 21, 1850, is the date on which Mr. Straley was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Hoque, and by this union two children came to bless their home: Margaret E., who is the wife of Benjamin Coffman, and Benjamin F. The good wife and mother was called from this earth July 20, 1854. Mr. Straley was again married, Decem-

ber 16, 1855, taking as his wife Nancy Robinson, by whom he had six children, two of whom are yet living: Sarah A., who is the wife of A. B. Booco, and James. Mr. and Mrs. Straley are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Jeffersonville.

In 1859, our subject was first elected Justice of the Peace and served in this capacity twenty-four years almost consecutively. He has been Clerk of his township and has held a number of minor offices and has been prominently identified with this county all his life. In his political views, Mr. Straley affiliates with the Republican party and, socially, belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Masonic fraternity, Knights Templar, and both the Chapter and Blue Lodge. While serving in the capacity of Sheriff, Mr. Straley hung the only man that was ever executed in the county.

THOMAS G. COCKERILL. This progressive, thrifty and intelligent agriculturist, who enjoys the confidence of the business community of Perry Township, Fayette County, is at present residing on the old homestead. He is the son of William S. Cockerill, who was a native of Loudoun County, Va., and fought in the War of 1812. His mother's maiden name was Anna Ledman ; she also was a native of the Old Dominion.

The parents of our subject came West to Ohio, settling in Marietta about 1816. Five years later, they removed to Greene Township, Fayette County, where the father rented a tract of land. Mrs. Cockerill dying in 1822, her husband was again married, and located upon the farm which is the property of E. E. Cockerill. He later removed to Greenfield, and died in 1882, at the age of ninety years, one month and one day, in the home of his son James. He had been married four times. By the first union, nine children were born, to which family our subject belonged, and only two of whom are living. In all, he was the father of eighteen children.

Thomas G. Cockerill was born September 11, 1812, in Virginia, and came to this locality with his parents when nine yea s of age. His opportunities for obtaining an education were very limited, as at the early age of fifteen years he was obliged to work out in order to help support the large family. When attaining his nineteenth year, our subject started out in life on his own account, and the following year was married to Sylvitha, daughter of Barnabas and Charlotte (Stites) Cochran, natives of New Jersey. Her father for many years was a sailor. Her parents were married in 1799, and, moving to this State in 1806, located on land in Walnut Creek, this township, where the father opened up a farm, and was among the earliest settlers. He died in 1845, when seventy-three years of age. His good wife survived him a number of years and passed away in 1855, at the advanced age of eighty years. They were the parents of seven children, of whom Mrs. Cockerill is the only survivor. They were prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were active workers and liberal contributors in the same. Mr. Cochran gave an acre of ground for a cemetery, and aided in the erection of the first church in this locality. It has long since given way to a more attractive and commodious building, which was named after Mr. Cochran. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, serving under Gen. William Henry Harrison.

Mrs. Cockerill was born September 24, 1811, on the old home farm, which is within sight of her present residence, and is in her possession. She attended the old log school house, which was conducted on the subscription plan, and the knowledge she gained therein has later been supplemented by judicious and choice reading. At the time of his marriage, our subject was receiving the munificent sum of twenty-five cents per day, cutting cord-wood and rails. The young couple ran away from home to join their fortunes, Mr. Cockerill walking and his bride riding horseback. He was later enabled to rent a farm, and purchased his present place about 1840, which then bore little resemblance to its now prosperous condition. His farm includes the magnificent sum of five hundred acres of valuable land, which he has placed under the best of improvement. It has been the result of his own efforts, coupled with the good advice

and economy of his worthy wife. On first locating on his new tract, Mr. Cockerill erected a log cabin, which was common in that period, but, being of a progressive spirit, he was not content to live in that humble structure long, and erected the first frame dwelling on the pike between Washington C. H. and New Martinsburg. In 1882, his present handsome residence was built, which cost $2,400. It is finished and furnished in a neat and tasty manner, thus indicating the refinement of its inmates, who are greatly respected in this locality.

The original of this sketch devotes his entire time and attention to general farming, and has been more than ordinarily successful in his undertaking, ranking among the wealthy and influential agriculturists of this section. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Cockerill, one is deceased. William Newton was born July 14, 1832; he married Sarah Geller, has nine children, and resides in Highland Township. Martha Jane was born October 13, 1834, and makes her home in Washington C. H.; she is the widow of John Wilson, by whom she had eight children; Edward E., the third child, will be spoken of elsewhere in this volume. Jacob S. was born July 20, 1839, and was married to Hannah R. Lymes, by whom he had nine children; they make their home in Perry Township, this county. Thomas R., who served for three years in the Civil War, was born February 18, 1842, and married Eliza Marchant; he died in 1884, leaving a widow and one child; Amelia C., born November 26, 1844, married John S. Fisher, by whom she has one child; they reside in this township. James W. was born August 18, 1847; he married Mary M. White, and they reside on a portion of the old homestead; they have three children. Samuel S. was born June 12, 1850; he is the father of four children by his marriage with Mary Alice Craig, and resides in Washington C. H. Eldridge W. was born January 28, 1853, married Eliza J. Craig, and resides in the above-named city; they have two children. Four of the sons took part in the late war: Newton, Edward E., Thomas R. and Jacob S.

Mr. and Mrs. Cockerill are members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which denomination they have been connected for sixty-five years. Our subject has always been a great worker in all church affairs, and is one of the leading singers in his congregation. In public matters, he has been Trustee of his township and a Director of the School Board. In politics, he votes the Republican ticket. Eleven years ago, our subject and his estimable wife celebrated their golden wedding, and last September commemorated the sixtieth anniversary of that event. They have forty grandchildren and twenty-nine great-grandchildren. They bear the good-will of all who know them, and their friends are as numerous as their acquaintances.

JOHN T. MANTLE. This gentleman, who ranks among the prominent and wealthy agriculturists of Pickaway County, is one of the oldest residents of Darby Township, having been born January 2, 1841. He has therefore witnessed the growth and development of this section from its primitive condition to prosperous farms and thriving villages. Mr. Mantle is at present residing in this township, where he is respected as a man possessing correct judgment and a love of truth and justice.

Our subject is the son of David Mantle, who was born in Chillicothe, this State, in 1808. His father, the grandfather of him of whom we write, was born in the Keystone State and was of German descent. The last-named gentleman was a tanner and farmer by occupation, and came to this State in the early part of the nineteenth century, probably in 1801 or 1802, as our subject has in his possession deeds purchased in February, 1803, in the township of Chillicothe, Ross County. David Mantle was born in 1808, and made that place his home until a lad of eight years, when he came with the family to Darby Township. Here the grandfather purchased a small tract of land, built a log cabin and soon after started a tannery, which was the first in this section of country, and in this line of business he was very successful. Indians were very numerous in that early day, but Mr. Mantle being

on friendly terms with them, did not find them very troublesome. He was a very large man, weighing four hundred and fourteen pounds, and departed this life when a little past middle age.

David Mantle learned the trade of a tanner from his father, with which occupation he added that of a farmer. His educational advantages were limited to the common schools, where he received a fair education. He purchased the farm which is the property of our subject in 1835, cleared the land and erected the first hewed-log house in this locality. He was industrious and persevering and at his death owned two hundred acres of valuable land. He departed this life at the age of sixty-three years, in 1872.

Mrs. Matilda (Noland) Mantle, the mother of our subject, was born in Maryland, and by her union with Mr. Mantle became the mother of four children, all of whom are living, namely: Duncan, Isaac, John T. and Miranda, Mrs. Fitzgerald. She died in her seventieth year, firm in the faith of the Christian Church, of which denomination her husband was also a member.

John T. Mantle was reared to man's estate on the old home farm and attended the log schoolhouse in his district, where he acquired the rudiments of an education. The school was conducted on the subscription plan and young Mantle had to walk over a mile to and from the temple of learning. He began life on his own responsibility when reaching his majority and operated the home farm in partnership with his father for a number of years, and at the death of the latter purchased the homestead.

July 4, 1877, Miss Susan Rogenrife, who was born in Hartleton, Union County, Pa., became the wife of our subject. To them have been granted three children: Charles N., Esther and Laura. Mr. Mantle has added to his possessions, and at the present time is the owner of an estate containing three hundred and thirteen acres of land, all in one body. His estate is well improved with substantial buildings and machinery, and in addition to the cereals, our subject raises sheep, cattle and swine, in which industry he reaps a handsome income.

Mrs. Mantle is connected with the Christian Church, in which body she is an active worker and liberal contributor. The political views of our subject led him to identify himself with the Democratic party. He has never been an office-seeker, preferring to let those hold positions who have more time to give.

JOHN A LUTZ, Attorney-at-law in Circleville. A volume dedicated to the pioneers of Pickaway County would be incomplete were no mention made of the Lutz family, various members of which labored in behalf of its advancement during the early part of this century, contributing to its growth with a self-sacrifice which entitles them to the gratitude of the present and future generations.

Amid the foot-hills of the Lehigh Mountains, in what is now Lehigh County, Pa., Samuel Lutz, father of our subject, was born March 13, 1789. Though it was nearly sixty years since his great-grandfather landed in the New World, German was the language used by his parents, and the customs of the Fatherland were followed as closely as though they still lived among the vine-clad hills of the valley of the Neckar. From the settlement near the Lehigh River, the parents of Samuel Lutz moved to the Shamokin Valley, Northumberland County, Pa., whence, in 1794, they made a second removal to the Buffalo Valley, in the same county.

September 7, 1802, the Lutz family left their Pennsylvania home, making the long journey to Ohio in a canvas-covered wagon, and on October 9 reached Lancaster. The father of Samuel Lutz purchased a farm near Adelphi, where Samuel grew to be a man, married Elizabeth Fetherolf, October 15, 1811, and became the head of a family of fourteen children, eight of whom still survive. His early inclinations were in the direction of mathematics and his ambition led him to the study of surveying, which he afterward followed the most of his life. When the War of 1812 interrupted the ordinary course of events, he enlisted in Col. James Renick's mounted militia and was in active service for nineteen days, then returned home.

Samuel Lutz served for many years as Justice of the Peace, and for four terms was a member of the State Legislature. During the War of the Rebellion, he was a vigorous supporter of the Union. He belonged to a patriotic family, his father having served in the Revolutionary War, some of his kindred in the Mexican War, himself in the War of 1812 and several of his grandchildren in the Civil War. He died at his old homestead in Salt Creek Township, September 1, 1890, aged one hundred and one years, five months and eighteen days, leaving to his descendants the memory of many worthy and unselfish deeds, unswerving integrity and nobility of character.

The subject of this sketch was born in Salt Creek Township, December 29, 1824, and was reared on the old homestead. He engaged in teaching for a time in early manhood, and April 8, 1848, entered Wittenberg College, where he was graduated in the spring of 1853, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Three years later, the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him. In November following the close of his college life, he came to Circleville and commenced the study of law under Judge Olds, a prominent attorney of that city. He was admitted to the Bar in December, 1855, and has since been actively engaged in the practice of law. During the first year he was with C. N. Olds, but upon the removal of the latter gentleman to Columbus, he continued alone. In connection with office and regular practice, he combines an extensive real-estate business. In 1868, in connection with another attorney, he laid out an addition, which is known as Bostwick & Lutz's Addition to the city of Circleville, and afterward platted another addition, the two containing ten acres. He still holds considerable property in the city, including the Lutz Block and two residences on the corner of Court and Union Streets, in one of which he makes his home.

In addition to his property in Circleville, Mr. Lutz owns valuable land in other places, including a farm of one hundred and sixty-seven acres in Monroe Township, Pickaway County. At one time, he owned twelve hundred acres in Missouri, six hundred acres in Iowa, and one hundred and sixty acres in Wisconsin. In 1859, he located twenty-two hundred acres of land warrants in four counties of Kansas, Osage, Lyon, Wabaunsee and Anderson, but has sold the land from time to time. He was appointed by ex-Gov. Todd Trustee of the Asylum for Imbeciles, and held the position for about sixteen years, when he resigned.

At Springfield, Ohio, June 14, 1855, Mr. Lutz married Miss Mary H. Humphreys. Mrs. Lutz is the daughter of James, and the granddaughter of John Humphreys, the latter a native of Ireland, who emigrated to America when a boy, and in the spring of 1799 became a pioneer farmer of Springfield. Mrs. Lutz was educated in a female seminary at Springfield and engaged in teaching several terms prior to her marriage. Six children completed the home circle, four of whom grew to manhood and womanhood.

John E., the eldest, was a seaman on a revenue cutter, later a cadet for two years, after which he was commissioned Third Lieutenant. He served one year on the Atlantic Coast, three years on the Pacific Coast and Alaska, four years on Puget Sound, and then resigned from the navy and located at Port Crescent, Wash., where he now resides. Harry E., a graduate of Wittenberg College with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, sailed for Europe immediately after graduating in 1879, and spent two years on the continent. For six months he remained at Stuttgart, where he studied German. He then traveled as far south as Naples and north to St. Petersburg, attended the dedication of the famous cathedral at Cologne, and afterward studied French at Geneva. The following year he went to Alexandria, Egypt, visited the Pyramids, then traveled to the Holy Land, and visited the famous cities of Constantinople, Athens and Marseilles, as well as the principal points of interest in England, Scotland and Ireland, returning home in 1881. The result of his trip to foreign lands was the publication of the interesting book, "Student's Views Abroad." After his return, he studied law with his father, was admitted to the Bar, and engaged in practice until March, 1884, when he was appointed Postmaster at Circleville. He resigned upon the election of President Cleveland, but was afterward re-appointed, and was editor of the

Union Herald for four years, while he was Postmaster. He is now a resident of Port Crescent, where he is a real-estate dealer, attorney-at-law and merchant. Samuel J., a graduate of the High School at Circleville, is engaged in the mercantile business at Port Crescent; Katharine, the only daughter, was graduated from the High School of Circleville with first honors, in June, 1891, and is an accomplished and popular young lady.

In his religious connections, Mr. Lutz is a member of the Presbyterian Church. For many years he was President of the County Sunday-school Association and also President of the Pickaway County Bible Association. He was a delegate to the International Sunday-school Convention at Indianapolis, when the present system of international lessons was adopted. In his political sympathies, he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and has served his fellow-citizens in various official capacities, where his ability and tact were used for the prosperity of the community.

GEORGE H. DARST is one of the most energetic, enterprising and successful farmers and stockmen in the Scioto River Valley, and is contributing his quota to the prosperity of Pickaway County, his well-tilled, well-stocked farm in Jackson Township being one of the best-managed in this section of the State. He is a native of this place, born August 12, 1850. His father, George Darst, was born near Frederickstown Md., in 1792. The Darsts originated in Holland, and, coming to this country in Colonial times, settled in Maryland. The grandfather of our subject was a farmer and distiller, and was very wealthy, owning considerable property in Baltimore.

The early life of the father of our subject was passed on the old family homestead in Maryland in acquiring the knowledge of farming and in learning the trade of a distiller. In 1830, he came to Ohio, he then being in the prime of a vigorous manhood, and bought land in Somerset. In 1837, he came to Pickaway County and bought two hundred and forty acres of the farm owned by his son of whom we write. He paid $8 an acre for it, it being mostly timber. There was a round-log house built in 1802, heated by a large open fireplace, and the floor made of puncheon. It is still standing and is an admirable relic of a pioneer dwelling of those early times. Mr. Darst developed about half of his land, making a good farm of it, and here his honorable career was ended by his death in 1855. He was a Whig in politics, and took an intelligent interest in all that concerned the welfare of the country. He married Margaret Nolan, who was born in Ross County in 1812, and our subject was their only child. She had been previously married to Irvin Jones and had two sons and a daughter by her first marriage: Irvin, John and Martha. The mother died in 1876. She was an earnest Christian, a member of the New-light Church, and she took and active part in religious matters.

Educated in the district schools, and brought up to habits of industry as a farmer's boy, at the age of twenty years our subject entered upon his independent career as a practical farmer and stock-raiser well fitted for his work. He possesses much natural ability, is ambitious, and has been successful in every sense. The old homestead became his; he completed its development, added one hundred and ten acres to it by further purchase, and now has a fine farm of three hundred and fifty acres, three hundred and thirty of which are under a high state of cultivation. The improvements are modern in style, and comprise a commodious frame house erected in 1874, a large frame barn, put up in 1883, and other needed buildings. The land all lies in the Scioto River Bottoms, the soil is very rich and wonderfully productive, eighty bushels of corn and twenty-five to forty bushels of wheat being the average raised to the acre in the season of 1891. Our subject also deals largely in stock, feeding sixty head of fat cattle every year, one hundred hogs, and raising some draft horses.

In politics, Mr. Darst is a stanch advocate of the Democratic party. He is liberal-minded and public-spirited, and takes great pride in his native county, doing all in his power to advance its inter-

ests. Our subject was but nineteen years of age when he took unto himself a wife, December 5, 1869, in the person of Miss Margaret, daughter of William B. Caldwell. Mrs. Darst is also a native of Jackson Township, and was born July 12, 1852. She is a fine woman, who has been of great assistance to her husband in the upbuilding of their home, and in her the Presbyterian Church finds a faithful member. Her marriage with our subject has brought them six children, three sons and three daughters, as follows: Mary, William; Jeanette, who married Harry Shockley, of Columbus; Harry; Josie, who is teaching school in the home district, and Chetwind.

SAMUEL PARKER. Throughout Pickaway County there is no gentleman more highly esteemed or better known than this native-born citizen of Salt Creek Township, who is operating a splendid farm of two hundred and nine acres. Combining the advantages of a fertile soil and convenient location, the value of the estate is equaled by few farms in the county, and the buildings with which it has been embellished are first-class in every respect.

An honored inmate of the pleasant home of Mr. Parker is his venerable father, Labin, who was born in Pickaway Township, this county, October 10, 1812. In spite of his advanced age, he is in robust health, and for sixty-five years has not been ill enough to be confined to his room. Possessing a mental constitution no less vigorous than his physical development, he is universally esteemed for his noble qualities and upright character. His father, Allen, who was probably born in Maryland in 1759, died in Pickaway Township in 1828, having emigrated hither with his family at a very early day.

When quite young, Labin Parker moved to Salt Creek Township, where he attended school held in a primitive log building whose furniture consisted of a few slat seats and a rude desk. The surrounding country was a wilderness, where deer, bear, wolves and wild turkeys roamed at will, unmolested save by an occasional hunter. After commencing to operate as a farmer, Mr. Parker was married, in 1828, to Miss Susan Bunn and the young couple settled down to housekeeping in a small log house. Mrs. Parker, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, died in 1852, leaving three sons: Samuel, of this sketch; Thomas C., who enlisted during the Civil War and fell at Vicksburg, May 22, 1863; and George W., who spent three years as a soldier in the late war, and died in Illinois soon after his return from the service.

In 1854, Mr. Parker was again married, his wife being Mrs. Caroline (Hall) Black, who died February 3, 1883. In his practical belief, Mr. Parker was an old-line Whig first and afterward a Republican, joining the latter party in 1856. A devoted Christian, he was for fifty years identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church and was licensed as an exhorter, but did not devote much time to the ministry. He served as Class-leader and held other offices of trust connected with the upbuilding of the church.

Born in Salt Creek Township, October 8, 1839, Samuel Parker received his education in the schools of that period and passed his youth in his father's house. In 1861, he was married to Miss Rebecca Karshner, who died in 1879. He was again married, in 1881, his bride being Miss Hattie Newhouse, a native of Salt Creek Township. Her parents, Isaac and Catherine (Bear) Newhouse, were born in Ohio, where the father followed farming pursuits. The mother died August 29, 1865, but the father survived until April 24, 1885.

During the late war, Mr. Parker proved his devotion to the Union by enlisting in its service as a member of Company K, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry, his enlistment being in the spring of 1864, for one hundred days. He was sent to Martinsburgh, and through different parts of Virginia, serving as guard but not participating in any engagements. At the expiration of his term of service, he returned home and continued to engage in farming and stock-raising.

In his political belief, Mr. Parker is a firm adherent of the principles of the Prohibition party, although he formerly affiliated with the Republi-

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cans. He served as Township Trustee three years, and has occupied other official positions. In religion, he and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which he is Trustee. He conducts farming operations on an extensive scale on the estate of two hundred and nine acres, of which one hundred and seventeen belong to his father. Through the exercise of industry and good judgment, Mr. Parker has attained to prosperity.

LEVI ROWE, an old and honored resident of Washington C. H., is a member of a family that has been prominently connected with the rise and growth of Fayette County since the early years of its settlement. He is a son of a former well-known citizen of this section, Jesse Rowe, Jr., who was called "Sugar Creek Rowe," the title "Junior" being dropped when another of the name was born.

The father of our subject was a son of Jesse Rowe, Sr., who came to this State in 1809, from Albemarle County, Va., and settled on Little Creek, Ross County, thus becoming one of its early pioneers. Four years later, he came to Fayette County, and located five hundred acres of land here. He was an exceedingly pious man, a strong Methodist—one of the first exhorters of that denomination in this region—and together with his wife was one of the founders of the first Methodist Church in the county, of which they, Lucy Preddy and Rev. John King and wife were the first members. The grandfather of our subject was married to Jane P. Ferris, in Albemarle County, Va., and had a family of nine children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, viz.: Elizabeth, John, Mary, Jesse, Susan, Jane, William, Sarah, and James, who was a prominent Methodist minister in Alabama.

Jesse Rowe, Jr. (or Sugar Creek Jesse) was born in Albemarle County, Va., in 1783, and died in the eighty-fourth year of his age. What education he had he acquired himself, as his school privileges in his native State were very meagre. He came to Ohio with his father in 1809, and helped him to locate in Ross County. In 1811, he returned to Virginia to claim his promised bride, Martha Sharp, of Louisa County, that State, a very handsome young lady, who had won his affections before he left for the West.

After his marriage, Mr. Rowe brought his young wife to Fayette County, and located on the land that his father had bought on Little Wabash Creek, in Greene Township. He remained there until 1824, when he proceeded further North and settled on another tract of land in this county, which comprised fifty acres in a wild condition. He worked hard at clearing it the ensuing two years, and then removed to Sugar Creek and took possession of two hundred acres of land along that stream, which he developed into a fine farm, and made it his home until death claimed him at a ripe age, October 25, 1867. He was a very successful farmer, and accumulated a valuable property, including a large quantity of land, and although he broke his leg early in life and could never plow, he was a great horseback rider. He was a leader in religious matters in his community, being an ardent Methodist, and his house was a stopping place for the old circuit-riders of his day. He was an old Jeffersonian Democrat, and took an active part in the affairs of his party. He was the father of four children: Elizabeth Ann; Mary C., who died in 1861, aged forty-five years; Levi, and Sandford, who died at the age of six years. The father and grandfather of our subject both had a ready wit, and always an answer for any one, and our subject tells this story in regard to his grandfather as illustrative of this trait: A family by the name of Newland, who had not a good reputation, lived in the neighborhood. One day Nicholas Newland went to Mr. Rowe to get him to give a bond for $500 for him, saying to him: "Mr. Rowe, I am the very best of the Newlands." Mr. Rowe replied: "Bad is the best, Nicholas, bad is the best."

Levi Rowe, the subject of this biographical record, was born August 30, 1818, in the house that his father had built on Little Wabash Creek. He was given fair educational advantages, obtaining his first knowledge of books in the local district schools, then went to the schools of Washing-

ton C. H., and completing his education at South Salem, and by a subsequent course in a select school. In 1841, he entered the profession of a teacher, for which he was admirably qualified, both by learning and by a natural tact or skill in imparting knowledge. He carried the highest grade certificate in the county, and taught all the branches required in the public or high schools. He was engaged at his vocation some fifteen years during the winter terms, and he also did quite a business as a practical surveyor.

When he was twenty-nine years old, our subject's father gave him a farm of one hundred acres, which he improved himself. September 30, 1849, he moved onto the place, and staid there a short time. In the fall of 1850, he took up his residence on a farm of one hundred acres adjoining his other farm, which he had purchased, and he remained on this last farm until 1874. In that year he came to Washington C. H. to live, having built there a handsome and commodious residence, one of the finest in the city, on the corner of Washington Avenue and Elm Street, No. 505, and here he is very pleasantly spending his declining years. He is a man of independent views, of much true culture, and is well informed. In politics, he was formerly a Democrat, but for the past few years he has voted without regard to party.

During the late war, Mr. Rowe enlisted in the army, but served only a short time, when he was discharged on account of deficiency in sight caused from taking cold by exposure while in camp near Cincinnati, Ohio. He has in his possession an honorable discharge. His habits are temperate, and he has never tasted tobacco, nor has he ever seen the inside of a saloon. For many years he was a conspicuous figure in public life, holding various important local offices. He was Assessor of Concord Township from 1845 until 1856, and then was elected Township Clerk, which position he held with entire satisfaction to all concerned, until he was obliged to give it up in 1867, on account of losing his sight from a cataract on one of his eyes. He is faithful to the religion so dear to his father and grandfather, is a conscientious and upright member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and gives liberally to its support.

Mr. Rowe was married September 9, 1849, to Eliza Ann David, in whom he has found a true companion and devoted wife. She is a daughter of William and Elizabeth David, who were pioneers of Ross County. Her venerable mother is living at the age of over ninety years. Her father was a carpenter, and contributed his share toward the advancement of Ross County. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe have three children of their own and an adopted child, as follows: Oliver W. and Martha Elizabeth, who reside in Washington C. H.; Wesley H., who is manager and editor of the daily *Herald*, in Huntingdon, W. Va.; and Rosa Arbella, the child of their adoption, who is married and lives in Los Angeles, Cal.

Since the preceding biographical sketch of the life of Levi Rowe was written, he has passed into that bourne whence no traveler returns, leaving a sorrowing wife and children to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. He passed quietly away about 8 A. M., Tuesday, the 26th of July, 1892, aged seventy-three years, ten months and twenty-six days. His death was unexpected, as he had been seen riding about the city two days before. An attack of cholera morbus, together with paralysis and the extreme heat, overpowered nature, and death came quickly. He was a large, portly, fine-looking man, very active, and appeared much younger than his years would indicate. He had a vein of good-humor and wit, and was full of life at all times, and on all occasions. His sufferings were great during Sunday and Monday, but he was never heard to murmur or complain, but was frequently noticed earnestly engaged in prayer, and maintained his cheerful disposition until he became unconscious. He has fought life's battle, and his familiar voice is now hushed forever. The funeral services took place at 4 o'clock, Thursday, July 28, 1892, from the residence, and were conducted by the Rev. Franklin McElfresh, pastor in charge of the Methodist Church, the church so dear to the departed. The Rev. Mr. McElfresh was assisted by the Rev. E. H. Dixon, an old family friend, of Washington C. H., and the Rev. D. C. Thomas, a former pastor here, now of Delaware, Ohio; also Charles Vanpelt, of Leesburgh, Ohio, who has been a life-long friend of Mr. Rowe and

family. The remains were then followed to their last resting place by a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends, there to sleep beneath the shadows of the clouds, in the "windowless palace of rest."

The following verses were written in memory of Mr. Rowe, by his daughter, Mrs. M. E. R. Cahill:

Husband and father dear, O, how we miss thee,
Since thou art torn from our embrace;
But again we hope to meet thee
And behold thy radiant face.

Thou knowest well we would not bid thee
Stay with us another day,
When the loving Savior's calling
You from earth to heaven away.

Do not think we do not love thee!
That we shed no tears of pain,
When we know that we are parting,
Ne'er on earth to meet again.

Honest, faithful, cheerful ever
Are the deeds sweet memories tell,
And they give us peace and comfort,
Bid us say that "all is well."

Life at best is full of trials,
And of these you had your share;
Never murmuring, ne'er complaining,
Trying hard these ills to bear.

Fain would we our lives continue
Like thine, ever running smooth;
For our love, our admiration
Of thee, father, thus to prove.

May the stars above watch o'er us,
May the moon well light our way;
May our God protect and keep us,
Is our prayer from day to day.

In connection herewith will be noticed a lithograhic portrait of Mr. Rowe.

HIRAM COOK. In reviewing the leading business houses of Circleville, prominent mention is due the large establishment under the personal supervision and ownership of Mr. Cook. The book and stationery store with which his name has been identified for many years consists of a building 22x75 feet in dimensions, and supplied with a complete stock of wall paper, glass, stationery, the latest news and periodicals, etc. In the basement, frame mouldings are manufactured, and considerable attention is also given to decorating. He furnishes the public library with periodicals, and is widely known as one of the most enterprising business men of Circleville.

March 7, 1835, Mr. Cook was born in Schuylkill County, Pa., and many happy hours during his boyhood days were passed on the banks of the beautiful river near his home, in whose clear waters he was accustomed to bathe and swim. He is the grandson of a German who emigrated from the Fatherland to Pennsylvania, where his father, George, was born. The latter engaged as a farmer, both in his native State and in Ross County, Ohio, whither he moved in 1846. He farmed upon rented land for a short time, and afterward moved to the village of Adelphi, where he died in 1863, at the age of sixty-three years. He was an old-line Whig, politically, and in his religious views was identified with the Evangelical Church. His wife, who was known in maidenhood as Elizabeth Himrod, was born in the Keystone State, and died in Ross County in 1881.

The family circle was completed by the birth of six children, who lived to mature years, and five are now living, our subject being third in the order of birth. A brother, Amos, who now resides in Circleville, enlisted in 1864 as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry, and served for four months. Hiram Cook resided in Pennsylvania until he was eleven years old, and in 1846, moved to Ohio by canal, and on arriving at the Allegheny Mountains, the canal boats were put on trucks and drawn over the mountains by means of endless chains and stationary engines; thence by canal to Chillicothe, and from that village to his father's farm, where he assisted in tilling the soil. He remained at home until he was twenty-one, although for two years previous to that time he was engaged by David D. Faust, who was a cattle drover, in driving cattle over the mountains to New York. Each trip would require two months, and some of his experiences were of a most peculiar and thrilling nature.

At the age of twenty-one our subject formed a partnership with his brother in the carpenter's trade, and coming to Circleville in 1859, engaged in contracting and building. At the first tap of the drum, he enlisted in the Thirteenth Regiment, and organized a band, which was ordered to Camp Dennison, and was present at many important engagements, including Bridgeport and Chapel Hill. At the latter place the band was mustered out under order of the War Department to disband all regimental bands. About that time, Mr. Cook became very ill, and whenhe recovered, at the expiration of ten months, he enlisted as bugler in the Union Light Guard, Seventh Ohio Independent Cavalry, the date of his enlistment being December, 1863, and acted as escort to President Lincoln. Mr. Cook became personally acquainted with that famous man, and also enjoyed the friendship of many prominent citizens of Washington. When the President was assassinated, Mr. Cook with his bugle called the company to Ford's Theatre, which they reached within seven minutes after the call. The body guard escorted the remains to the White House, and were in the procession which followed them to the grave. Afterward, they continued to act as the body guard of President Johnson until they were mustered out in September, 1865.

At the close of the war Mr. Cook returned to Circleville, and for a few years followed the trade of a carpenter. In 1870, he moved to Columbus, where he embarked in the business as a sash, door and blind manufacturer, in partnership with Fred Wedon and John Shannon. In 1873, he returned to Circleville, where he bought out the newsstand of George R. Miller, in the post-office. His trade increased to such an extent that he was compelled to remove to an adjoining store, which was more commodious, and there he transacted an extensive and lucrative business. He located at his present place in 1886, and has since been constantly enlarging his stock and increasing his trade. For a time he was in partnership with H. E. Miller, under the firm name of H. Cook & Company, but since the fall of 1889 has been alone.

The pleasant residence of our subject on Mound Street, is presided over by a lady of culture and refinement, to whom he was married in 1870, at Circleville. She was Belle, daughter of Henry Long, formerly proprietor of the Union House, but now retired. She was first married to Capt. David Mitchell, a member of the Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry, who died soon after the close of the War. One child has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Cook: Howard M. Mr. Cook is a prominent member of the Soldiers' Monumental Association of Circleville, the organization which built Memorial Hall. He is a charter member of Groce Post No. 156, G. A. R., and, as might be expected, is a true-blue Republican. Mrs. Cook is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is highly esteemed in the social circles of the city.

ROBERT A. ROBINSON, Cashier of the People's and Drovers' Bank, in Washington C. H., has been connected with this prominent financial institution since 1878, the year of its organization, prior to which time he had for ten years served efficiently as Cashier of the old First National Bank. In this city, where he was born and reared, and where his life has been thus far passed, he has always enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens, and has become well and favorably known as a man of the most unflinching integrity and probity of character, while he is also devoted to the welfare of the community.

The childhood home of our subject was on the southeast corner of Court and Main Streets, in Washington C. H., where he was born May 28, 1829. His father, Robert Robinson, was one of the pioneers of Southern Ohio and was in Fayette County at the time of the first sale of lots here, in 1809. When a young man, he had removed from his native place, Washington County, Pa., to Ross County, Ohio, and while a resident of that county participated in the War of 1812. Soon after its close, he removed to Washington C. H. and became one of the first members of the Bar in the village, of which he was a prominent citizen until his death, December 11, 1852. He was influential in

getting the first railroad in the place, being one of its incorporators, and taking an active part in raising the funds to build the old Muskingum Valley Railroad.

Mr. Robinson, Sr., was three times married, his first wife being Rebecca Robinson; his second wife was Mary Miller, from Lancaster, Ohio. After her death, he was united in marriage with Lucy Ann Dawson, who was born in Front Royal, Va., in June, 1828. They became the parents of seven children, of whom four still live, namely: our subject; Anna E., wife of Judge J. J. Harper, now of Washington C. H.; Maria A., who married Judge George Gardner, of Hillsborough, Ohio; and James P., who has been County Auditor for twenty years. The wife and mother survived her husband many years, passing away May 25, 1883.

Although he received a practical education in the subscription schools common in an early day, our subject has gained his education principally by experience and contact with people. He attended school three months each year until he was sixteen, after which he was engaged for a time in a woolen factory. Later, he became a clerk in a dry-goods establishment, where he remained until his marriage, March 19, 1850, to Miss Susan Holt. His next occupation was that of a drover and cattle dealer, and while thus engaged, it was his custom to drive cattle through to Philadelphia and New York. His longest drive was from Muscatine, Iowa, to Philadelphia, Pa., and consumed one hundred and ten days.

In 1860, Mr. Robinson became interested in the first bank ever organized in Washington C. H., and served as book-keeper and teller until January, 1867, when he was elected Cashier of the First National Bank. He has been with that bank and its successors, the People's and Drovers' Bank, ever since the date of organization. January 1, 1892, he rounded out a quarter-century as Cashier, and has been in the banking business nearly half a century. He is also a stockholder and Director in the People's and Drovers' Bank.

Mr. Robinson was one of the original organizers and Directors of the People's Building and Loan Association, a prosperous institution, with an incorporated capital of $1,000,000, and paying the last time four and one-half per cent. semi-annual dividend. He has always been liberal in helping any organization or railroad that would be a benefit to the city. His real-estate interests are large and are principally centered in Washington C. H. Socially, he is an honored member of Fayette Lodge, Garfield Commandery, F. and A. M.

Mrs. Robinson is the daughter of William and Elizabeth Holt, old residents of Washington C. H., where she was born, her father being a member of the first City Council of Washington C. H. in 1851. They have one child, Frank H., who is one of the finest accountants in the county and is associated with his father in the bank. It has been said that every man has his hobby, and certainly if there is anything in which Mr. Robinson is more deeply interested and has done more to advance than any other citizen of Washington C. H., it is music. Since he was fifteen years old, he has had charge of the music of the city, and whatever musical talent has been developed here is due in a large measure to his efforts. Twice a week it is his custom to leave his business and visit the public schools in order to instruct and interest the children along the line of that art. He has also aided in the Sunday-school work, and in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a member and Trustee. He is leader of the Music Club, which comprises the choir.

JAMES S. PANCAKE, a substantial and enterprising farmer and stock-raiser, residing in Range Township, Madison County, is a native of the locality which is still his home. He was born October 14, 1832. His father was born in Virginia, in 1789, came to Ohio in 1806, and served in the War of 1812, under Gen. Harrison. He was a pioneer farmer of Madison County, and here married Miss Jane Wilson, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to the county in 1812. They were both members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Pancake assisted in building the first Midway church and aided in organizing the first class at a log schoolhouse, a mile south of Midway, of which he was the first Class-leader.

He also faithfully served as Trustee. Mr. Pancake was a self-made man, but by his own efforts won a competence. He came to this county at a day when the Indians were still plentiful and when deer were seen in large herds, and was numbered among its honored pioneers. In politics, he was a stanch Democrat and was a man firm in his convictions of right and wrong. He was three times married. Four children of the first union grew to mature years and had families, and two are still living. By the third marriage, there were three children, but the eldest, Toland, died leaving one son, who bears his father's name and is now residing in the West. Our subject's sister, Mrs. Jane Johnson, resides in Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio, and has six children.

J. S. Pancake remained on his father's farm until nineteen years of age, when he began clerking in Midway. After two years, he formed a partnership with J. Q. Winshall, of London, and Samuel Withrow, and began business for himself. The connection continued for two years, after which Mr. Pancake established a store of his own and was alone in business for about two years. About this time, he was married to Miss Elaenor W. Foster, their union being celebrated January 23, 1856. The lady was born near Danville, Ohio, January 23, 1837, and was married on her eighteenth birthday. Her parents were James and Margaret (Boyer) Foster. Her father owned about two thousand acres of land, and did not want our subject to follow merchandising, offering to give him a farm if he would abandon that occupation, which Mr. Pancake did. He resided upon his farm for twenty-eight years and it is still his property. He has increased his landed possessions considerably since that time and now owns seven hundred and forty-one acres of valuable land.

Unlike most of his family, Mr. Pancake is a Republican, having supported that party since he cast his first vote for John C. Fremont in 1856. He has served as President of the Board of Education for a number of years but has never been an office-seeker, preferring to devote his entire time to his business interests and the enjoyment of his home. At the age of twenty-one, he became a member of the Methodist Church, to which all of his family belonged. He has been Class-leader and Steward for twenty-eight years and Recording Steward for twenty-seven years. He was Sunday-school Superintendent for more than twenty years, and his labors in relation to the church have been productive of much good.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pancake were born three sons and two daughters: Jesse, who was born on a farm in Range Township, June 15, 1860, attended school in London, and pursued a course in book-keeping and banking in the Commercial College of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated. He was then book-keeper in the Central Bank of London for several years, after which he went to Kansas, and invested his capital in town property at Greensburgh. After three months spent at that place, he became book-keeper and cashier for Sells Brothers, of Columbus, manufacturers and wholesale dealers in harness. Jennie, born in Range Township, May 2, 1864, is the wife of Dr. Edward Meade, of Midway, by whom she has one child. Ida Grace, born October 11, 1868, is the wife of Everett Beale, who resides near Mt. Sterling, and has one child. Earl Foster was born December 14, 1876, and Harford H. was born October 20, 1879.

Mr. Pancake has been very successful in his business dealings. By industry, enterprise and good management, he has acquired a handsome property and become well-to-do. In 1883, he erected an elegant residence upon his farm. His home is one of the best places in the community, the land has been tiled, the fields are under a high state of cultivation and fine buildings have been erected.

JONAH MARCHANT. So many men in these days of large chances have made more than handsome competencies, after having started out in life with nothing, that such cases have ceased to be remarkable. The qualifications necessary, however, to bring about such success can never cease to be worthy of our admiration. He whose name we place at the open-

ing of this sketch is one of the army of pushing, aggressive men who are never satisfied unless they can attain the highest position that can be aimed for.

Our subject is a son of William Marchant, deceased, who was born June 13, 1800, in Berkeley County, Va. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Smith, was born in Berkeley Va., September 16, 1805. She was the daughter of Isaac Smith, an early settler in Ohio, who passed through all the hardships which fell to the lot of the early settlers. Mrs. Marchant remembers having heard him tell of a single-handed conflict which he had with an Indian who had come to steal from him, the country at that time being infested with Indians.

William Marchant was bound out when a lad to a man by the name of Bell, a resident of Greenfield, this State, to learn the trade of a blacksmith. After serving an apprenticeship of four years, he removed to Good Hope, where he carried on a shop on his own account. He was married, May 18, 1822, by Robert Waddle to the mother of our subject. The young couple then located on the old home farm in Perry Township, Fayette County, where, in addition to cultivating the soil, he prosecuted his trade. The father died in 1866; the mother still survives and makes her home on the old farm. They were the parents of ten children, seven of whom are living. In religious matters, they were identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Marchant was an official. He was very strict in his conduct throughout life, and in politics was a Whig in early life but later joined the ranks of the Republican party.

The original of this sketch was the fifth child of the parental family, his birth occurring on the old homestead July 27, 1831. He was educated in the little log schoolhouse of that day, which was furnished with slab seats, puncheon floor, etc. He remained at home until reaching his majority and when establishing a hearthstone of his own was married, December 28, 1854, to Maria A., daughter of Thomas G. Johnson. Mrs. Marchant was born November 11, 1838, in Fayette County, and passed from this life September 10, 1872, after having become the mother of eight children, all of whom, with one exception, are living. Thomas W. was born October 3, 1855; he married Victoria Dahl and makes his home in Washington C. H. They are the parents of one son. George W. was born September 12, 1857, and married Dora Klein by whom he became the father of two children; they are residing at the present time in South Dakota. Henry Curtis was born January 8, 1860, and resides in Kansas City, Mo. Elmer C. was born August 20, 1862, married Ida Kleine, is the father of one child and lives in Marion, Iowa. Marcus Sager was born February 18, 1865, and resides in Dayton, this State; he married Miss Minnie Patten by whom he has one child. Ora Etta is the wife of Elmer Patton and is the father of two children; he was born May 1, 1867, and resides at Washington C. H. Maude Marie, who was born October 23, 1869, is at home.

Jonah Marchant was again married, March 29, 1876, this time to Martha A., daughter of Nathaniel P. and Maria (Heller) Sanders, the father born June 12, 1810, in Highland County, this State, and the mother March 27, 1806, in Virginia. The father of Mrs. Marchant was the son of Thomas Sanders, a strict Quaker. He was a well-educated gentleman and a practical surveyer. He also followed farming to some extent. Mr. Nathaniel Sanders died April 30, 1888, having been preceded to the better land by his good wife, who died August 27, 1876. They were the parents of ten children, nine of whom are living. Mr. Sanders by a previous marriage had become the parent of two children, both of whom are living.

Mrs. Marchant was born June 3, 1838, in Highland County, this State, where she received a good education in the common schools. Mr. Marchant has lived on his present farm since 1855, and he has placed it under excellent improvement. It comprises two hundred and twelve and a-half acres, one hundred and fifty of which are under the plow. The eldest son of our subject, T. W., is following the profession of law, practicing at Washington C. H. E. C. Marchant, another son of our subject, has been County Surveyor of Hutchison County, Dak.

Our subject is a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while his good

wife is identified with the Friends. He has been School Director in his district, and in his political affiliations is a Republican. He has been incumbent of the office of Trustee of Greene Township for one term, Township Treasurer two terms, and Supervisor. During the Civil War, he was one of the "Squirrel Hunters" who went to Cincinnati under Capt. James Burton. He also participated in the Morgan raid, under Capt. James Dowden.

EDWARD M. BOGGESS, M. D. Prominent among the younger physicians and surgeons of Washington C. H. stands the gentleman who is the subject of this sketch, and who has been engaged in practice in this city since June 1, 1890. Already he has gained an established practice and is one of the rising young practitioners of Ohio, of whose future the most flattering predictions may be confidently made.

Born near Buford, Highland County, Ohio, January 12, 1863, and the son of Andrew M. and Mary (Roberts) Boggess, our subject spent his childhood in a somewhat uneventful manner upon his father's farm. Realizing that the acquirement of a good education was to unlock the door to success, he resolved to take advantage of every opportunity afforded him to gain a large fund of knowledge, and therefore, after completing the common-school studies, he entered the Hillsboro High School, and from there proceeded to the Lebanon Normal School. To state that he employed his time tirelessly in his studies, is but to say what actually occurred.

His studies completed, our subject returned to his father's farm, but shortly afterward commenced to read medicine with Dr. J. W. Mathews, of Buford. Later, he entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, from which institution he was graduated in 1887, with a thorough theoretical knowledge of therapeutics. The young physician located first at Sugar Tree Ridge, Highland County, where he remained three years, meanwhile building up a lucrative and extensive practice. He then removed to Washington C. H., in order to secure a broader field for practice as well as a more congenial place for a home. He is desirous of making surgery a specialty, and finds better opportunities in this city than at his former location for gaining a thorough experimental knowledge of the profession. He holds membership in the Highland County Medical Association, as well as in the Medical Institute of Fayette County. In his social connections, he is a Knight of Pythias.

Dr. Boggess occupies for his office a nicely-equipped suite of rooms on the corner of Fayette and Court Streets. His residence is conveniently located on North Fayette Street, and is presided over by his accomplished wife, formerly Miss Ada Peddicord, of Highland County, who was united in marriage with him June 30, 1887. They are the parents of one son, Haldor M. Since locating in Washington C. H., Dr. Boggess has, by his kind treatment of all, won hosts of friends, who one and all wish him a continuance of his prosperity in the future.

SCOTT BEATTY, a resident of Perry Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, is a native citizen of Marion Township, Fayette County, having had his birth September 9, 1850. The father bears the name of I. N. Beatty, and is one of the most prosperous farmers and stock-raisers in Pickaway County. A sketch of the father will be found elsewhere in this book. The mother was known in her maidenhood by the name of Margaret Hidy, and, with her husband, was a native of Ohio.

Our subject received the advantages of a common-school education, supplemented by a course of two years at the Southwestern Normal at Lebanon, Ohio. At the age of twenty-one years, he commenced in active life for himself, taking up farming and stock-raising on the same farm he now occupies and which occupation he still carries on successfully.

Mr. Beatty was married in July, 1875, to Mary Decker, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of A. S.

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Decker, a native of Switzerland. The father came to this country at an early age and engaged in the business of harness-making, which vocation he has ever since continued. He married, in 1850, Catherine Timmons, a native of Ohio, and by this union two children have been born, Mary, the wife of our subject, being the elder. J. B. is now living in Fayette County. One child has come to bless the home and fireside of our subject and his estimable wife, to whom they have given the name of Maggie Alma, who was born July 3, 1876.

Our subject is a stanch Republican in his political views, and, in his religious belief, is a Universalist. He is a member of F. & A. M. Lodge No. 392, at New Holland, and also belongs to the John A. Logan Lodge, K. of P., and has belonged to the School Board, and been President of the same for years. His fine farm consists of two hundred and forty broad and fertile acres of finely improved land and is located three and one-half miles from New Holland. On this place he carries on general farming, and is an extensive dealer in stock, having some of the best in the township. He is a man who is well liked by every one who meets him, and is a whole-souled and genial man, who has hosts of friends and acquaintances.

JAMES McCOLLISTER. The family of which this gentleman is an honored and able representative was among the earliest settlers of the Buckeye State, coming hither when dense forests occupied the present site of prosperous villages and fertile farms. Since that early day, the various members of the family have contributed to the development of the State, and especially of Pickaway County, clearing the land of its forest growth, tilling the soil in which they turned the first furrows, and erecting buildings adapted to farming purposes.

Our subject, who is one of the popular farmers of Wayne Township, Pickaway County, was born in Jackson Township, this county, August 26, 1845. His grandfather, Jacob McCollister, was born June 16, 1778, removed from Maryland to Ohio in pioneer times and settled first in Ross County, whence he removed to Pickaway County and followed farming pursuits. His death occurred April 21, 1844, while a resident of Jackson Township. His wife, Margaret McCollister, was born June 1, 1783, and died July 24, 1852. The father of our subject, Nelson McCollister, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was one of a large family and was born in Ross County, November 6, 1809. He grew to manhood upon a farm and engaged as an agriculturist all his life. His farm was in Wayne Township, where he owned and operated a fine estate. During the early days, he was Captain of a Company of State militia, and served as Trustee of the township of Wayne for about ten years. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years prior to his decease, which occurred October 15, 1888. A man of broad information and culture, he stood high in the estimation of his neighbors.

The mother of our subject was Elizabeth, daughter of James Thompson, a native of Virginia, who came to Ohio very early in the history of this State, married here and reared a family of children. Mrs. Elizabeth McCollister, who was born December 26, 1817, is still living and makes her home with her son James. Religiously, she is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She is the mother of five children, four daughters and one son, namely: Margaret, wife of James E. Elliott, of Ottawa, Kan.; Sarah, Mrs. E. L. Hall, who lives near our subject; James, of this sketch; Mary E., wife of Joseph Hall, a resident of Wayne Township; and one that died in infancy.

Since his parents settled on the homestead in Wayne Township, it has been the residence of our subject. Hither in 1888 he brought his bride, Mary E., daughter of John S. and Elizabeth (Owens) Neff, and a native of Jackson Township. Her mother died when she was only about fourteen years old, and her father is now a farmer in Jackson Township. Mr. and Mrs. McCollister lived together in happiness until separated by the death of the wife, which occurred January 5, 1892. She was sincerely mourned in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she was a faithful member; in the circle of

warm personal friends, whom she had gathered around her, and especially in her home by the bereaved husband and orphaned boy. Two children had blessed the union: John Nelson, born August 11, 1889, and James Leroy, born July 15, 1891, who died in infancy.

In his political preference, Mr. McCollister has always been a strong temperance advocate and is now a Prohibitionist. His farm consists of eighty-eight acres of well-improved land, and he is also the half owner of eleven hundred and sixty acres in White County, Ind. In connection with general farming, he is interested in stock-raising, in which he has met with success.

THOMAS J. HOUSTON. One of the many fine farms in Madison County is located in Summerford Township, and comprises two hundred acres of land, the most of which is under excellent cultivation. Our subject has placed on his estate various substantial buildings, supplied it with an adequate amount of machinery, and gradually developed the land until it may justly be ranked among the finest homesteads in the township. Mr. Houston has further improved his land by erecting thereon a nice brick residence, which is presided over by his amiable wife.

John M. and Maria E. (Cartmell) Houston were natives respectively of Kentucky and Clarke County, this State, and after their marriage resided in the above-named place until 1837, when they came to Summerford Township, and there made their home for forty years. They then removed to London, where they were residing at the time of their death, the father passing away in February, 1879, and the mother December 25, 1890. Mr. Houston was actively engaged in farming until his removal to London, where he was ranked among the best citizens.

Thomas J. Houston was the fourth child in the parental family of ten. He is a native of this township, his birth occurring April 24, 1842. He was reared on his home farm and received limited school advantages in his neighborhood. November 9, 1875, he was married to Miss Kate Locke, daughter of John B. and Lovisa (Morris) Lauck, whose biography the reader will find elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Houston was the eldest but one in their family of six children and was born in this township, August 2, 1849.

Soon after his marriage, he of whom we write located in London, where he conducted a grocery business for about two years. At the end of that time, selling out, he returned to this township, and for three years operated the old home farm. Again returning to London, he carried on a thriving hardware trade for nearly twelve years, since which time he has made his home on his splendid estate of two hundred acres. Mr. and Mrs. Houston have a family of four children, viz.: Eva, Ora, John L. and Elden B. Ora departed this life when young.

Mr. Houston has taken quite an active part in political affairs, being a stanch member of the Republican party. He is one of the enterprising and wide-awake farmers of this locality and has been prominently identified with the upbuilding of Madison County, Ohio.

DILDINE SNYDER is an old and honored resident of Pickaway County, who for many years has been prosperously engaged in farming in Walnut Township, owning one of its well improved farms, pleasantly located on section 25. He is a native of Northampton County, Pa., born April 7, 1828. His parents were Daniel and Catherine (Solt) Snyder, who were of Pennsylvanian birth and of German extraction. Early in the '30s, they migrated to Ohio with their children and with his brother's family, making the journey with team and wagon, camping wherever night overtook them, and were several weeks on the way. They first located in Fairfield County, but subsequently came to Pickaway County and were among the early settlers of Walnut Township. A short time thereafter, the father's career as a useful pioneer was terminated

by his untimely death. The mother lived to be a nonogenarian, dying several years ago, when past ninety-one years old.

The subject of this biography was reared to manhood under pioneer influences, receiving his education in the primitive schools of the time, and early learning to do all kinds of farm work. At the age of nineteen, he began life as a farm hand in the employ of others, his wages ranging from $7 to $10 and $12, and even $16 a month, and in that manner he obtained capital to start for himself, after being thus engaged for several years. He is a self-made man, and by the aid of his wife, who has been a true helpmate and a wise counselor, he has built up a home replete with comfort, and has improved one of the best farms of the township. It comprises three hundred and twenty-two acres of choice land, which is well tilled, and is provided with a good set of buildings, his barn being one of the finest built in this section. Mr. Snyder is well known for his strict honesty and unswerving integrity of thought and act, and he and his wife enjoy a high reputation for their unbounded hospitality and charitable spirit. They have witnessed the many changes that have been wrought in this township and they have played well their part in its material and social development. He has served as School Director and has never neglected an opportunity to do all in his power to promote the progress of the community. He and his wife are sincere Christians, and his religious relations are with the Lutheran Church, of which he is a member, while she belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder entered upon their wedded life November 20, 1856, and it has been blessed to them by the birth of nine children, namely: Sarah F., wife of Daniel Stein; Mary C., wife of William May; Louisa J., wife of Lyman Reigle; Emma J., wife of John May; Clara B., wife of William Hall; Flora E., a student at the Normal School at Ada; Edson J., also attending school at Ada; Ada F., and an infant who died unnamed.

Mrs. Snyder, whose maiden name was Syrena Walters, is a native of Ohio, born in Fairfield County, February 16, 1835, into the pioneer home of Daniel and Mary (Peters) Walters. Her father was a Pennsylvanian, while her mother was a native of Maryland, and was of German descent. Her paternal grandparents were early settlers of Fairfield County, having located there when her father was eight years old. Mrs. Snyder is one of eleven children, of whom these six are living, John, Samuel, Festus, Caroline (Mrs. Reuben Murray), Josephine (Mrs. Thomas Griffin) and Mrs. Snyder.

JOSEPH M. HOWELL, M. D., Secretary of the Board of Pension Examiners and a leading physician and surgeon of Washington C. H., was born in Auglaize County, Ohio, March 17, 1863, the son of Joseph G. and Jane (Miller) Howell. His youth was passed upon his father's farm, and, like so many who have since attained to usefulness and conspicuous positions in the professions, he engaged in tilling the soil during his boyhood. He was a studious child, possessing unusual mental acuteness and keen perceptive qualities. Facts gleaned from his textbooks were stored in his mind, until he had accumulated a large fund of knowledge from which to draw as occasion suggested.

His course of study completed in the common schools of the neighborhood, our subject, ambitious to excel and desirous of increasing his knowledge, entered the Ohio University at Ada, where he completed his literary studies. On starting out for himself, he taught for three winters in a select school in his native county, and employed his leisure time in reading medicine with Dr. H. L. Mann, of Wapakoneta, for one year, and with Prof. R. W. Thrift, of Lima, for about the same length of time. He took courses of medical lectures at the Starling Medical College, in Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated March 4, 1885.

Opening an office in Corning, Perry County, Ohio, the young Doctor soon established a good country practice, but feeling that his interests would be better subserved in another and larger

city, he went on a tour of inspection through the West and Southwest, traveling some eight thousand miles, but returning better satisfied with the Buckeye State than ever before. In 1888, he located at Lumberton, Clinton County, from which place he removed to Washington C. H. in 1890. Although his residence in this city has extended over a comparatively brief period, he already is deeply engrossed in professional labors and has little time for social enjoyments and recreations. During the administration of President Harrison, he was appointed a member of the Board of Pension Examiners, through the influence of his intimate friend, Col. Doane, Member of Congress for this district, and soon after the appointment, January 11, 1891, was elected Secretary of the Board.

In the enjoyment of the society of his wife and children, the Doctor finds one of his greatest pleasures. He was married April 10, 1884, to Miss Eva, daughter of Dr. J. M. Flood, of Springfield, Ohio, and they are the parents of two bright and intelligent children, Lorena and Fred. Dr. and Mrs. Howell are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and sincere Christians, ever endeavoring to make the world better for their presence in it. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is identified with both the Fayette and Green County Medical Societies, and also the State Medical Society.

JOSEPH P. MILLER. Among the esteemed and representative citizens of Walnut Township, there are none more worthy of a place in this record than the subject of this sketch and his good wife. He is a native of this part of Pickaway County, born September 10, 1832, and is a son of Peter and Mary (Scothorn) Miller, honored pioneers of this county, who were natives respectively of Berks County, Pa., and of Greenbrier County, Va.

When a young man, Peter Miller emigrated to this county with his parents and other members of the family, coming with team and wagons, and settling on section 3, Walnut Township, taking up their abode in the woods, and being among the first pioneers to venture into these parts. They had to endure many hardships in their frontier life and to deny themselves of many comforts. Their somewhat limited fare was reinforced by wild game, as deer and other animals were them plentiful here. Peter Miller did good service as a soldier in the War of 1812. He was a man of a great deal of character, whose counsel was often sought, and he rose to prominence in his adopted county. For twenty-one years, he was Justice of the Peace, and so well did he administer the laws that in all the many cases tried before him there was never an appeal made to a higher court, the litigants appearing before him having the highest confidence in his honesty and fair spirit. He married nearly a hundred couples while acting as Justice, he being a favorite with the young people, who often came a distance of many miles on horseback, accompanied by their friends, to have him tie the nuptial knot. He served as County Commissioner several terms in an early day, and was otherwise active in public life. He was a Whig in politics, and voted for Gen. William Henry Harrison. He was an exceedingly charitable man, and while not a church member, contributed liberally to churches, and used his influence to promote morality and elevate the social status of the community. He was thrown from a horse and killed in 1849, and was greatly lamented by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. His name is still cherished for his valuable services as a pioneer of the county.

Five of the eight children born to the parents of our subject are living: Elizabeth, wife of Enoch Hines; Stephen; Mary A., wife of Adam Klar; William H. and Joseph P. He of whom this sketch is principally written was reared to man's estate under pioneer influences, and has done his share of pioneer labor. His education was conducted in the early district schools of Walnut Township, which did not offer the advantages afforded to the youth of to-day, but by reading and observation our subject has become well informed and is posted on current topics. When the war was raging the fiercest, he deemed it his duty to leave his family, to place his interests in the hands of his watchful wife, and go forth from

his beloved home to do what he could for the honor of the old flag, for which his father had nobly fought when it was assailed by foreign foes in the early part of the century. Accordingly, he identified himself with the Home Guards, becoming a member of Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Regiment, which was attached to the Army of the Potomac. He was placed on guard at Norfolk, Va., and acted in that capacity subsequently at City Point and White House Landing, and also at Martinsburg, Va. He was honorably discharged August 27, 1864, at the expiration of his term of enlistment of one hundred days. His army life is commemorated by his connection with Parson Post No. 670, G. A. R., at Nebraska, of which he is one of the leading members. He has served the post as Sergeant, and is now Chaplain thereof. He is a credit to the citizenship of his native county in every way, and is deeply concerned in all that pertains to its well being. He has assisted in the management of the local schools as Director, and in him the Republican party finds an intelligent supporter. Mr. Miller returned to his home in Madison Township after he left the army, and found that his capable wife had kept his farm in good order, keeping it up to the same high state of cultivation that it had reached under his fostering care. He still retains that farm, which comprises one hundred and twenty-two acres of well-improved land, but after living on it a quarter of a century he removed with his family to his present pleasant place of residence on section 16, in his native township.

Mr. Miller was married, October 1, 1854, to Miss Mahala Culp, also a native of Walnut Township. Mrs. Miller was born June 7, 1835, and is a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Spangler) Culp. Her parents came to Pickaway County in the early days of its settlement, and for a time lived in Salt Creek Township. They then came to Walnut Township, and resided here for years, the father dying in 1872, and the mother in 1864. He was one of the early auctioneers of Walnut Township. In politics, he was a Democrat. Both he and his wife were valued members of the Lutheran Church. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom these six are living: Amos; Harriet, wife of George Cromley; Cynthia, widow of John Zaayer; Naomi, widow of Monroe Bradley; Lorain, wife of Benjamin Brobst; and Mrs. Miller. Our subject and his wife have been blessed with two children: Sarah A., deceased, and Henry E.

JOSHUA C. ROBINSON, a retired farmer living at Bloomingburgh, has been a resident of Fayette County for nearly seventy years, and is one of its oldest and most venerated citizens, who is deserving of honor as a pioneer, in that he has reclaimed a goodly farm from the wilderness that prevailed when he came here as a boy.

A native of Ohio, our subject was born February 3, 1810, in one of the earliest pioneer homes of Ross County, that was situated five miles from Chillicothe. His father, whose given name was William, and who was a Pennsylvanian by birth, came to this State in 1796, in Territorial days, and purchased Government land, which he developed into the farm just mentioned as the birthplace of his son, and on that he spent his remaining years, diligently engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in attending to the duties of his office as Justice of the Peace, in which capacity he served many years in Ross County. He was a man of firm religious convictions, and the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member, found in him one of its mainstays. In politics, he was a Whig. He was of sterling Irish ancestry, both of his parents having been born in Ireland. He was twice married; the maiden name of his second wife, the mother our subject, was Sarah Conwell, and she was a native of Pennsylvania. Her parents also came from Ireland. She lived to be seventy-five years old. Of her eight children, all grew to maturity but one, who was drowned when young.

He of whom this biography is principally written is the sixth child and third son of his parents. In 1824, he came to Fayette County with his mother, with whom he made his home until her death. He always devoted himself to farming, from the time he was old enough to handle a hoe

and spade, until he retired with a competency to spend his last years in comfort, free from the cares and labors that beset him earlier in his career. He remained on the same farm in Paint Township many years, and in the meantime placed his one hundred and thirty-six acres under good tillage, and erected a substantial set of buildings, including a comfortable, well-built house, good barns, etc. In 1875, he sold his farm at a good profit, and removed to his present place of residence in the pretty village of Bloomingburgh, abandoning his business as a general farmer. Mr. Robinson is a man of unimpeachable rectitude of character, and the record of his long life is such as to command the fullest approbation and confidence of his fellow-men. He was active in public life for many years as Supervisor of Paint Township, and the Republican party has always found in him a steadfast adherent, while the Presbyterian Church numbers him among its most valued members.

Our subject has been blessed with a good wife, whose fidelity and constant helpfulness have been of important service to him. Mrs. Robinson, who bore the maiden name of Eliza A. Stitt, was born in Orange County, N. Y., January 24, 1811, a daughter of Luke and Jane (Young) Stitt. She was married to our subject, June 19, 1834, and for fifty-eight years they have shared life's joys and sorrows. They have never had any children but those of adoption, whom they have reared as tenderly as if they were their own.

NOAH G. DAVENPORT is another of the many prominent citizens of Pickaway County, Ohio, who was born in the Buckeye State, and is one of the popular lumbermen of Circleville, that State. The "Davenport Lumber Yard" has, for many years, been universally known in this city and county for fair dealing, reliability, and the variety and size of its stock of all kinds of lumber that enter into the construction of buildings, fences, bridges, etc. The business was established in 1840 by the late Mr. George Davenport, who, until his decease last year, conducted it in a manner that gave it a reputation for reliability and enterprise, and won for it the confidence of the public. Since the decease of its founder, his son, Mr. N. G. Davenport, who has been associated with the business for eighteen years, purchased the interest of his father's estate, and has conducted the affairs of the enterprise. Mr. Davenport has taken hold of the affairs of this old and reliable business with push and energy, is a man of excellent business acumen, and has met with well-deserved success. He has now in stock, a large variety of moulded front doors, verandas, porches, window and door screens, outside and inside blinds, mouldings, frames, casings, porch columns, and all the essentials for the construction of a house. He has a very large stock, with prices of the lowest, and that his efforts have resulted already in augmenting the business is evident from the fact that he has this spring secured contracts, in competition with home and foreign dealers, for furnishing material for some of the largest building jobs let this season, among which are thirteen cars of lumber for the Crites Brothers' Flouring Mill, now in process of construction.

The father of our subject, George Davenport, was born in Staffordshire, England, on the 3d of June, 1817, and his father, Samuel Davenport, was also a native of that country, and was employed in her Majesty's service as Queen's Surveyor. The latter was a man of education, and one universally respected. He brought his family to Utica, N. Y., in 1832, was seventy days in making the voyage, and, after a short residence there, he came to Pickaway County, Ohio, locating on a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Walnut Township, where he cultivated the soil until his death, when fifty years of age. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. The father of our subject was but fifteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to America and settled with them on the farm in Pickaway County, Walnut Township. After reaching mature years, he bought a farm of three hundred acres in Pickaway Township, but later located in Circleville, and was superintendent for his brother-in-law, James S. Wilkes, at his warehouse and in the lumber business, until the death of Mr. Wilkes. In 1858, Mr. Davenport bought

the lumber-yards in Circleville, and continued to carry on this business in a very successful manner until his death on the 14th of November, 1890. In politics, he affiliated with the Republican party, and was on the City Council for some time. He was a member of the Board of Education, and socially, was a member of Columbia Lodge No. 32, I. O. O. F. He was a successful lumber merchant for years, was known all over the county and vicinity, and was highly esteemed, both in business and social circles. He married Miss Margaret A. Lee, a native of Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, and the daughter of Lloyd Lee, who was one of the pioneer settlers here. Mr. Lee was a native of Baltimore, Md., but came to Ohio at an early date. Mrs. Davenport was the third in order of birth of four daughters, and was reared and educated in Circleville. She now resides on the old home place, at the corner of Scioto and Walnut Streets. The four children born to this worthy couple were named as follows: Ella, Mrs. George Krats, of Akron, Ohio; Noah G. (our subject); Lizzie, widow of Bud Ensworth, resides in Circleville, and is register clerk at the Postoffice; and George A.

Our subject was born in Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, on the 22d of October, 1857, and was reared and educated in the High School. In 1873, he entered the State University at Columbus, and attended about eighteen months. Two years later, he became associated with his father as manager of the yards, and continued in that capacity until the latter's death. On the 9th of December, 1890, he became sole owner of the yards, the dimensions of which are 500x200 feet. The yard is on the Scioto Valley Railroad and also the Ohio Canal. Mr. Davenport handles all kinds of lumber and building material, has increased his yards and stock, and is doing a flourishing business. He attends strictly to his lumber business, is a thorough-going, persevering and enterprising man, and is well deserving the measure of success which he has attained. He erected a fine residence at the corner of Washington and Mound Streets in 1888, and there he resides at the present time. Mr. Davenport was married in Upper Sandusky on the 22d of March, 1883, to Miss Belle Maxwell, a native of Upper Sandusky, and the daughter of J. A. Maxwell, who was engaged as a dry-goods merchant there. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport are the parents of one child: Martha Lee. Our subject has been a member of the Board of Equalization for six years, and is the only Republican on the Board. He has shown his appreciation of secret organizations by becoming a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Elks, Mystic Circle, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. In politics, he is a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. In the spring of 1892, he was elected a member of the City Council, from the Second Ward, with a majority of forty-five, having a majority of one hundred and forty-five to overcome, and has been a delegate to county and State conventions.

DR. CHARLES E. PAGE, D. D. S. It is gratifying to the observant biographer to record for the perusal of future generations events of interest in the life of a gentleman who has met with success in the prosecution of his profession. In the best sense of the word, Dr. Page is successful, having gained the esteem and confidence of a large circle of friends, as well as an enviable reputation as a dentist. Since 1887, he has followed his profession in Washington C. H., where he is busily engaged in attending to the demands of his extensive practice.

Born in Clermont County, Ohio, June 19, 1855, our subject is the son of Thomas Page, likewise a native of Clermont County and an attorney by profession. His mother, Mary (Dennis) Page, is a sister of Dr. John F. Dennis, a prominent citizen of Washington C. H. Charles E. gained the rudiments of his education in the common schools of his native place and completed his schooling in Clermont Academy. After officiating in the capacity of a teacher for a time in Fayette County, he entered the office of Dr. Dennis, his uncle, with whom he commenced the study of dentistry. Later, he entered the dental department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

With a large fund of information on the various questions arising in the professsion to which he had determined to devote his life, and with a worthy ambition to excel, the young Doctor opened an office in Frankfort, Ross County, Ohio, where he practiced for six years. The village was small, and realizing the benefit to be derived from a larger field of work, he resolved to remove to Washington C. H. Here he opened an office in a central location and, devoting himself to his profession with the same assiduity which ever characterized his labors, he soon gained an honorable place among his fellow-citizens, and an established reputation as a reliable dentist.

The popular lady who presides over Dr. Page's home was formerly Miss Lizzie Irwin, and became the wife of the Doctor June 25, 1886, at Frankfort, Ohio. Her father, Thomas Irwin, was a resident of that village, where her entire life was spent prior to her marriage. She was a widow at the time of her union with the Doctor, her first husband having been John Anderson. The religious home of Dr. and Mrs. Page is in the Presbyterian Church, and they are active workers in religious and benevolent circles. He is looked upon as a man who encourages all worthy enterprises and gives his substantial support to whatever tends to the general welfare. Commencing life with little capital, he has already, through habits of industry combined with excellent judgment, accumulated a handsome competence and has a pleasant home, in which are found all the comforts of life.

WILLIAM H. THOMAS. It may well be the pride of our subject that he has reclaimed a fruitful tract of land from its natural condition, transforming it into a finely improved and highly cultivated farm, one of the best in Monroe Township, and in so doing has materially aided in perfecting the development of the rich agricultural resources of Pickaway, his native county. He was born in Monroe Township, May 15, 1835, in the pioneer home of Jackson and Elizabeth (Norris) Thomas, of whom an account is given in the sketch of their son Jackson.

Our subject was educated in the local district school, which in his early days was taught on the subscription plan. It was held in an old log house, that was rudely furnished with slab benches, and was a mile and a half from his home, the way to it lying through the forest, wherein his father blazed the trees to mark the path. His school privileges were limited to three months' attendance in the winter, as his services were required on the farm at other seasons of the year. He was twelve years old when his father died, and at the age of nineteen, he began farming the home place, and carried it on until his marriage, when he located on the farm that he has since occupied in Monroe Township. The log house that stood on the place, and in which he and his bride commenced their wedded life, was burned the same year, and he built a commodious hewn-log house that is still standing.

In 1876, Mr. Thomas erected a commodious frame residence, a view of which is elsewhere shown. He has also built a good barn and other substantial buildings, and in the thirty and more years that he has had possession of his farm, which comprises two hundred and seventy-eight acres of soil of surpassing fertility, he has wrought a wondrous change by the power of persistent and skillful labor, and that which was once a wilderness is now one of the best-tilled farms in the township, every acre being under cultivation. It was originally swampy, but is now tiled in every direction, and is well drained. He devotes it to mixed farming, and the corn that he raises he feeds to his stock. He fattens a good many cattle, selling a car-load every year, and also raises about a hundred hogs a year, making much of his money from the sale of his swine. A liberal-minded, level-headed man, endowed with those traits of character that win confidence, he has not only done well in the management of his own private affairs, but has made a good public official as Trustee of the township, which position he has held two years. His politics are of the Democratic order.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Sarah J. Dick was solemnized October 28, 1858, and they

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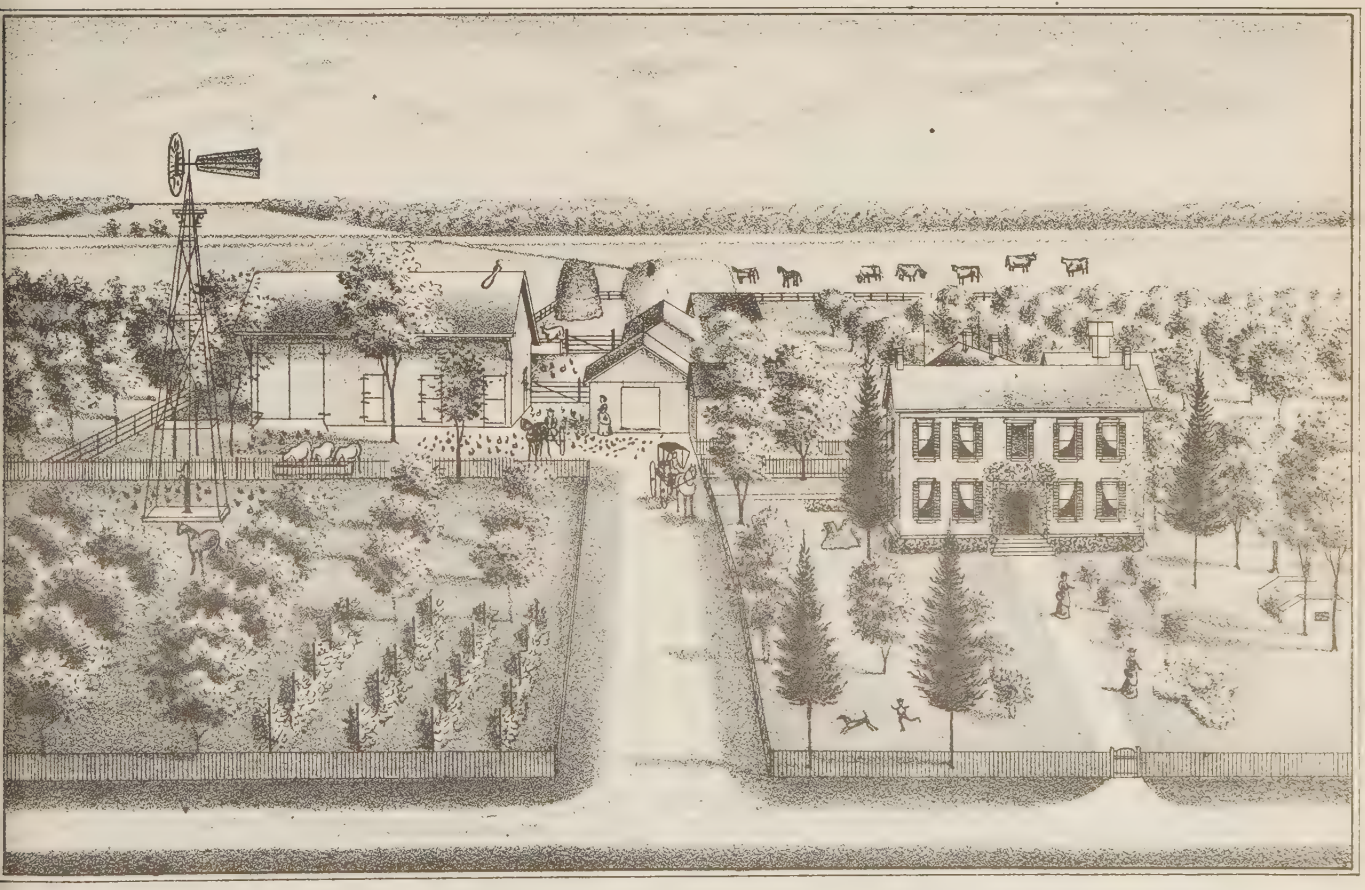

RESIDENCE OF JOHN J. WALTERS, CIRCLEVILLE TP., PICKAWAY CO., O.

have reared four children to honorable and useful lives. Their son, Edgar A., is at home; Nathan E. is Deputy Treasurer of Pickaway County; Agnes is the wife of Job Carpenter, a farmer residing in Darbyville; Ida M. is the wife of Charles Schram, of New York. Mrs. Thomas was born in Perry Township, October 28, 1834, a daughter of Nathan Dick, an early settler of the county, and an extensive farmer of Perry Township in his day. She was a fine woman, and in her the Methodist Church had one of its most faithful working members until her decease, which occurred on the 29th of January, 1880.

JOHN J. WALTERS. This prominent farmer residing on section 11, Circleville Township, Pickaway County, was born in Amanda Township, Fairfield County, this State, August 28, 1833. He is the son of Daniel Walters, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio when eight years of age with his parents. His father, George Walters, was also a native of the Keystone State, and on coming hither, settled in Fairfield County, clearing a farm in Amanda Township, where he continued to reside until his death.

The father of our subject was one in a family of six children, all of whom are deceased. He was reared on his father's farm and continued to live thereon until his death, in the latter part of the '50s, firm in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Mary Peters. She passed from this life August 24, 1887, when in her eighty-first year. She had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years previous to her decease.

He of whom we write was the eldest in the parental family of eleven children, six of whom are living. He was only permitted to attend school six months in his life, but fully appreciating the value of a knowledge of books, he studied at home and is thus self-made in all that that term implies. The schools of that early period were carried on on the subscription plan and bore but little semblance to the schools of the present day.

The original of this sketch was about twenty-one years of age on the death of his father, and thus remained at home and cared for his mother until reaching his thirty-first year. In 1865, he located on a tract of land which he had purchased some time previously, and in 1880 moved to Circleville Township, where he became the owner of two hundred and forty-four acres of productive land, which was known as the old Stout Farm.

March 5, 1860, Mary J. Dresbach, who was born in Pickaway Township, became the wife of our subject. Mrs. Walters was the daughter of Manuel Dresbach, a native of Fairfield County. Her mother was Mary Rice, daughter of James E. and Jane Rice, early settlers in this county. Mrs. Walters was the eldest of their five children, her birth occurring January 4, 1847. Five children have been born to our subject and his estimable wife: Ida J., who was born November 25, 1865, is now deceased; Maggie, born May 19, 1867, is the wife of Edward Valentine and resides in Washington Township; Mazie was born August 29, 1869, and is the wife of Israel Valentine, a farmer of Washington Township; Minie is deceased; John E. was born May 4, 1885.

In politics, Mr. Walters is a Republican and is warmly interested in all local affairs. He is the possessor of one hundred and thirteen acres of land in Walnut Township, one hundred and six acres in Fairfield County and two hundred and forty-four acres in the home farm. He carries on general farming, in addition to which he raises the best breeds of cattle and horses. He started out in life with limited means and now ranks among the largest landholders of the county. He is a typical American, having risen to his present station in life through his own exertions, and is now living in the enjoyment of the results of his early industry. A view of his pleasant home is presented on another page.

Samuel Peters, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Maryland, emigrating to Ohio in 1812 with a family of ten children and just that number of dollars in his pocket. One wagon held all their household effects on the journey hither, the trip being made overland, and they settled at once in Fairfield County. The country round about in that early day was covered with a

dense growth of timber, and Indians and wild animals were plentiful.

Manuel Dresbach, the father of Mrs. Walters, was born March 9, 1820. He fell a victim to one of those terrible crimes of violence which grew out of the Rebellion. In 1863, when residing in Amanda Township, Fairfield County, drafting of men for the army by the National Government was begun. In his neighborhood men were mustering in order to prevent being forced to do so. Partisan feeling ran high and violence was threatened in many instances. Mr. Dresbach being a strong Unionist, was not one of those who feared to speak his sentiments, and on several occasions told various individuals they had no right to resist the orders of the Government. It was feared by many of his friends that he would meet with violence, but they made no mention of their fear to him.

One day, while threshing upon his farm, Mr. Dresbach went to the house in order to make arrangements for the dinner of the men in his employ. On his way, he met a man who had worked for him for several years and with whom he was on the best of terms, so far as he knew. The man held a rifle, and with scarcely a word of warning, raised it to his shoulder and fired. The ball took effect in the breast of Mr. Dresbach, but he did not fall. The assassin then drew a revolver to finish the bloody deed but was driven away by the threshers, who pursued him with pitchforks, their only weapon at hand. Mr. Dresbach died in a few hours and his murderer narrowly escaped the gallows, but was sent to the penitentiary for life. No cause was even shown for the crime other than that Mr. Dresbach had been distasteful to some of the people in his neighborhood in regard to politics. It transpired in the trial that the man some years previously had committed a murder in Virginia.

ISAAC D. MILLAR was a native of Pickaway County, born amid its primitive environments May 18, 1822, became one of its most prominent and successful farmers and stockmen, and in his death its citizenship suffered a severe loss. He was a son of Adam and Rebecca (Decker) Millar, who were natives of Virginia and early settlers of Pickaway County.

When our subject was a boy, his mother died, and he then went to Virginia to live with an aunt, until he attained his majority. He received a fair education in the primitive schools of Ohio and Virginia, and being naturally a keen observer of men and events, as well as of nature, he acquired a well-earned reputation of being a well-informed man, who could discourse intelligently on all the topics of the day. He was a good worker, was energetic and systematic in carrying out his plans, developing a spirit of enterprise early in his career, and was marvelously prospered in all that he put his hands to. At the time of his death, October 21, 1867, he was one of the wealthiest men of the township, and one of its extensive land-holders, owning nine hundred acres of as fine land as can be found in all Harrison. He was a first-class farmer, as was attested by the appearance of his farm, and he was counted among the best citizens of the community where he dwelt so long, always displaying a commendable public spirit in helping forward all schemes for civic improvement, and lending his influence to promote the higher interests of township or county. His political views were identical with the doctrines of the Republican party, which found in him a firm supporter.

Mr. Millar was very fortunate in his selection of a wife in the person of Miss Sarah A. Millar, to whom he was wedded February 22, 1844, as in her he had a true companion, an active helpmate and a wife who devoted herself to his welfare, and tenderly cherishes his memory since he entered the life immortal. Seven children were born of their union, of whom these four are living: William; Mary, wife of the Hon. T. E Cromley, of Pickaway County; Leonard, and Annie, wife of Frank Chryst.

Mrs. Millar, who is a daughter of William and Mary Millar, early pioneers of the county, who are represented elsewhere, was born April 24, 1817, and was reared to maturity in Pickaway County, in one of its pioneer homes, receiving her education in the public schools of Harrison Township. She has witnessed the greater part of the growth

of this region from its original condition, and is a good type of the worthy daughters of the pioneer stock of the State who have contributed their share to its prosperity. She resides on the home farm in Harrison Township, where she dwelt so many years in contentment and happiness with her husband, helping him in the upbuilding of their home, and she enjoys the respect and regard of the entire community, where she is well known.

JACOB McNEAL. Attention, method and industry are the foundation stones of success in business. To those who labor faithfully success almost invariably comes. The career of Mr. McNeal viewed from a business and social standpoint is worthy of record in a volume, containing biographical reviews of prominent citizens of Madison County. Integrity of word and deed has been the corner-stone of all his business transactions, and during his residence in West Jefferson he has made many warm friends throughout the county and State.

Jacob McNeal, Sr., the father of our subject, was a native of Cumberland County, Pa., where also his mother, who bore the maiden name of Matilda Faught, was born. After their marriage, the parents emigrated from the Keystone State to Ohio, and located in Jefferson Township in 1837, on what is now the site of West Jefferson. Mr. McNeal was a farmer by occupation which he prosecuted together with the grocery business. He was elected and served nearly fifteen years as Justice of the Peace in this township and departed this life in 1866. His wife, who still survives him, has attained the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

Of the parental family of nine children, our subject is the only son and was born in Pennsylvania December 16, 1825, thus being twelve years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Madison County. He grew to manhood in Jefferson Township and assisted his father in operating the farm until learning the trade of a carriage-maker and blacksmith, which occupation he is engaged in more or less at the present time. Early in the '70s, Mr. McNeal was appointed Notary Public and has also filled the offices of Justice of the Peace, Township Clerk and as a member of the School Board. He has taken a lively interest in local affairs, and in politics casts his vote and influence in favor of the Republican party. He has been of much benefit to the community in which he resides, being at all times a willing and cheerful contributor to worthy causes. He owns a nice residence in the village, which is ably presided over by his excellent wife.

October 17, 1847, Jacob McNeal and Miss Mary, daughter of Nehemiah Gates, were united in marriage. The lady was born in Jefferson Township, in 1827 and by her union with our subject has become the mother of eight children, two of whom died in infancy. Those who lived to mature years were Milo, now deceased; Frank, Alice, John, Amber and Edith. Alice is the wife of J. M. Longman; Amber married J. W. Nichols; Edith is Mrs. Daniel McCarty; John married Miss Mary Rinn and lives in Jefferson. Frank still remains at home. Our subject is a member of the Masonic order, and holds membership in Madison Lodge No. 221, A. F. & A. M.

LEWIS SCOTHORN. The son of a pioneer, and a pioneer himself, this venerable octogenarian, familiarly and affectionately known as "Uncle Lewis," is distinguished in the annals of Pickaway County as one of its oldest native-born sons now living within its borders. For more than half a century he has been closely connected with the growth and material interests of Walnut Township, as one of its most skillful carpenters for many years, and also as a successful farmer, who has developed one of its most desirable farms.

Our subject was born in the township mentioned, January 31, 1812, a son of Lewis and Anna (Tollman) Scothorn. His father was a native of Scotland, while it is supposed that his mother was born in Virginia. In 1804, his father came to Ohio with

his family on horseback with three pack horses, and they were among the first to settle in Walnut Township and Pickaway County, taking up their home in the woods, where the howls of the wolves disturbed their slumbers at night, and the wild game that was plentiful furnished a grateful addition to their rather scanty fare. Indians still lived here, and there were but few traces of the coming civilization. The father of our subject was a hard worker, and devoted his energies to clearing a farm, but he finally succumbed to the hardships of pioneer life and died in 1816. He had been twice married, and but two of his children are known to survive, our subject and his brother John, the latter being a resident of Ft. Scott, Kan.

Uncle Lewis Scothorn was reared to man's estate amid the rude environments of frontier life, growing with the growth of the county, and always making his home in Walnut Township. He remained on the farm on which he was born until he was twenty-one, and then began to work at the trade of a carpenter, which he pursued for many years, being in great demand on account of his ability in that line. He has built some thirty-two barns, and innumerable houses and other buildings. He was especially noted for his expertness in handling the broad-axe, and in scoring and hewing logs and timber. He was also interested in farming, and had a farm which he rented until his sons became large enough to manage it. He has built three sawmills for himself at different times, and operated them with water power. In the fall of 1847, he settled on his present farm, upon which he has dwelt in comfort and contentment ever since. He erected a substantial and well-arranged brick house, and has made various other improvements that have greatly increased the value of the farm since it came into his possession. His land is one hundred and twenty acres in extent, and is well tilled and very productive.

Our subject was married December 5, 1833, to Miss Susanna Westenhaver, a sister of Emanuel Westenhaver, of whom a sketch appears in this work. May 22, 1851, the marriage thus happily begun was ended by the death of the beloved wife, who left many sorrowing friends behind, and a family devoted to her memory. But two of the ten children born of that union survive: William H. H. and George W., the latter a resident of Winfield, Kan., and a veteran of the late war, in which he served with honor four years. The following are the children of our subject that died: Peter, Nancy, Eliza, Rebecca, Sophronia, Frances, Calvin, and one that died in infancy and was buried with its mother.

Our subject's son William resides on the farm with him, assisting him in its management, and he is a wide-awake, capable farmer. He is a sound Republican in politics, and everything that concerns his native county has great interest for him as a loyal and public-spirited citizen. He married Miss Fanny Moyer, and they have four children, whom they have named Calvin M., Cora D., Samuel L. and Fanny F.

"Uncle Lewis" is a typical pioneer, and among the many aged representatives of that class of citizens in Pickaway County, none is more honored or worthy than he. He received his education in the primitive log cabin school of old times, the one that he attended having at first a clapboard roof, which was later surmounted with shingles, and slabs served as seats, while the desks for writing were boards placed on wooden pins that had been put into holes bored into the log walls. He early began the struggle of life on his own account, having to depend entirely on his own resources, and he has been very successful in accumulating property that places him among the substantial citizens of his native township. He is an unqualified Republican in his politics, and has always heartily favored public progress.

E. F. DUNN. The dry-goods and notion house par excellence of Circleville, or in fact in the whole Scioto Valley, is the spacious and handsome emporium of E. F. Dunn & Co. It is in all respects a leading and well-appointed establishment where is always displayed an unusually fine and very complete assortment of everything in the lines indicated, every depart-

ment being replete with the latest novelties. The prices here quoted, too, are rock-bottom figures, yet no inferior goods are allowed to be placed in stock, patrons being assured of receiving honest value and satisfactory treatment in this deservedly popular store. Mr. Dunn is popular as a business man, and enjoys the unbounded confidence of all having dealings with him. He employs a number of courteous assistants, but keeps close personal supervision over every department.

Our subject was born in Geneva, N. Y., on the 18th of December, 1863, and inherits English blood from the paternal side of the house, his father, W. G. Dunn, being a native of Cambridge, England. When a boy, the latter came to the United States, located in New York City, and there learned the dry-goods business. He subsequently removed to Bellefontaine, Ohio, was in the dry-goods business there for some time, and then went to Geneva, where he continued in the same business for two years. After this, he returned to New York, settled in Rochester, but not long afterward went to Columbus, Ohio, where he built a brick block on High Street, and was engaged in business there for some time. He was very successful in all his business ventures, was reliable and energetic, and very popular wherever he located. He owns valuable city property, and is a substantial and progressive citizen. A member of the Second Presbyterian Church, he has been Trustee for some time, and is a liberal contributor to all laudable enterprises. His wife, whose maiden name was Susan Cross, was born in Shaftesbury, England, but when a child was brought by her parents to the United States, and settled with them in New York. The father of our subject was twice married, and had two sons by his first union: James, in the dry-goods business in Columbus, and William, who is deceased. His second marriage to Miss Cross resulted in the birth of three children, of whom our subject is the youngest, the other two being Joseph and Florence.

E. F. Dunn was reared in Columbus, Ohio, from the age of five years, and attended the High School of that city until he graduated in 1880. Feeling the need of still further educating himself, he entered Marietta College and graduated from the scientific and philosophical course in 1884 with the degree of B. Ph. After this, he was engaged with his father in business until March, 1889, when he came to Circleville, and purchased a small stock here. This he has increased in every way, and is now the proprietor of one of the largest, finest and best selected dry-goods houses in the Scioto Valley. He is a sharp, shrewd business man, and is as popular in social as in business circles. Our subject was married in Circleville on the 2d of February, 1892, to Miss Florence Courtright, a native of Circleville, Ohio, where she received the rudiments of an education, but later finished in Cincinnati. She is a refined and educated lady, and is well liked by all. She is a daughter of Judge S. W. Courtright, one of the county's prominent men. Mr. Dunn is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is a stanch Republican in his political views.

JOHN PANCAKE, who is known throughout Madison County as a man of more than ordinary business enterprise and exceptional sagacity in money matters, has accumulated wealth by farming and stock-dealing on a large scale, and, still in the prime of life, is actively engaged in business, but now resides in his beautiful home that he has made for himself and his family on North Main Street, London.

Mr. Pancake was born in Stokes Township, this county, November 15, 1851, and is a son of Cephas and Nancy (Cooper) Pancake, who were also natives of this county, and spent their entire lives here. The father was born February 21, 1819, and died October 12, 1874; and the mother was born September 23, 1824, and died July 29, 1855. Both the Pancakes and the Coopers were early pioneer families of this State. Joseph Pancake, the paternal grandfather of our subject, who was a Virginian by birth, came here at an early day, and at first located in Ross County, but not long thereafter, he removed to Madison County and cast in his lot with the frontiersmen who had preceded him, and in later years died on the farm that he had redeemed from the virgin forest. He was born De-

cember 18, 1789, and died September 15, 1853. He had six children: Isaac, Jesse and William, who were half brothers to James, Toland and Jane (Mrs. Johnson). He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was active in its upbuilding in this county.

The father of our subject was reared as a farmer and stock dealer in Range Township. He became very prosperous, and was one of the most prominent farmers of that township. He bought and sold stock extensively, and was known far and near as an exceedingly shrewd financier. In politics, he favored the Democratic party, and had clear and sensible views on all topics of general interest. He was the father of six children by his marriage with the mother of our subject, of whom our subject is the only survivor. The others were Margaret, William, Mary J., Thompson and David S. By his union with Miss C. V. Mahoy five other children were born: Joseph, Edwin B., Emma I., Aquilla and Cephas P., of whom Emma and Aquilla are dead.

The subject of this biography was educated in the London schools. At the age of twenty years, he left home and took a trip Westward to prospect for any opening by which he might make a good start in life. He was unable to find anything suitable, and returning home, he remained there until 1875, when he was married on the 9th of December to Miss A. L., daughter of Robert and Ann (Thomas) Rea, of London. Her father is one of the wealthiest men of the county, and is living retired in London.

After his marriage, Mr. Pancake engaged in farming on the old Rea homestead in Oak Run Township, where he remained until 1887. But prior to that he had purchased one hundred and fifty acres of the five hundred and forty acres of said farm, and the remainder of it his father-in-law gave to Mrs. Pancake. Besides this valuable property, Mr. Pancake has a good farm of ninety acres in the same township. He has three tenants on his farms, and from their rental derives a good income. He has always been a large cattle dealer, and has raised a great deal of stock, hiring some six hundred acres of land, besides employing his own for that purpose. He is still interested in dealing in stock and doing a general farming business.

When he left the farm, in 1887, Mr. Pancake came to London and erected one of the best residences within its precincts. It is of a handsome and tasteful style of architecture, is supplied with all the modern conveniences and improvements, is elegant in its appointments, and its attractiveness is enhanced many fold by the unostentatious and gracious hospitality offered to all who cross its threshold by the amiable hostess and the courteous, genial host. Our subject and his wife stand high in social circles, their many fine qualities of head and heart attracting to them many warm friends, and the Episcopal Church finds in them two of its most devoted members, who contribute generously of their means to forward its every good work. Mr. Pancake is an uncompromising Democrat, and is well informed in politics, both local and national. He has held the offices of Treasurer and Trustee of Oak Run Township, and is classed among the men who take a genuine interest in all that concerns their community, and are an honor to the citizenship of their native county.

FATHER M. M. MEARA, Pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Circleville, is a gentleman of broad theological and classical education, who has won the highest esteem both of his parishioners and the entire community. The church and school under his charge occupy a most beautiful site on the highest point of the historical mounds of archæological times, which, if preserved, would have been of inestimable value. The Catholic Church was fortunate in securing the land with a clear title, and on the site where the old mound-builders no doubt held their religious services, a congregation now worships in an elegant edifice.

Father Meara was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 25, 1850. His father, Stephen Meara, was a native of County Tipperary, Ireland, and emigrated to America when a young man, spending a few years

in Quebec, and removing thence to Boston. At St. Mary's Church, on Bunker Hill, he was married to Miss Ellen Meagher, who, like himself, was a native of County Tipperary, and came to America with her uncle. Six children were born of the union, our subject being the eldest.

The first recollections of our subject are of the city of Columbus, whither he was brought by his parents when about two years old. He received the rudiments of his education at St. Patrick's School, and in 1866 entered St. Mary's Seminary at Cincinnati, where he studied for four years in the classical course, afterward spending about the same number of years in the study of theology and philosophy. In May, 1874, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Rosecrans.

Immediately after he was ordained, Father Meara became Rector of the Cathedral at Columbus, and his labors in its behalf were so arduous and ceaseless that his health failed, and he was compelled to spend one year in travel through the Western States. With strength renewed and health invigorated, he returned to his chosen field of work, and spent two years with the congregation at Columbus. He came from there to Circleville in April, 1882, and at once noticed the magnificent possibilities for the establishment of a school here. With him, to think was to act, and it was not long ere plans were made, funds were raised, and the handsome buildings erected. The school was opened in September, 1885, and has proved Father Meara's foresight and wisdom, for the attendance averages two hundred pupils, and the course of study is practical and thorough.

A modern style of architecture was used in the construction of the building, which contains twelve school rooms, large corridors, broad stairways, and was erected at a cost of about $20,000. It is heated with hot air, well ventilated, and lighted by electricity. Six Sisters of Charity are employed as teachers, and the diplomas awarded the graduates are worthy of any school in the State. In addition to these labors, Father Meara has recently had the church refrescoed and remodeled at a cost of $1,000, and it is now conceded to be one the most beautiful structures in Ohio.

Since his connection with the church at Circleville, Father Meara has introduced many new features into its various departments of work, and possesses the happy faculty of winning the friendship and co-operation of all with whom he comes in contact. He is progressive in his ideas, forcible and vigorous in his language, liberal in his views, and has that deep sympathy with humanity which adds to his influence among his parishioners.

THEODORE W. MILLER, of London, is the largest dealer in dry-goods, carpets, cloaks and fancy goods in this city, and he is also Postmaster at this point, receiving his appointment from President Cleveland, and still continuing to hold the office on account of his manifest fitness for the place, and of his general popularity.

Urbana, in Champaign County, is the native place of our subject, and there he was born January 24, 1844, into the household of Abram and Harriet Minshall, natives respectively of Virgina and Ohio. When he was a small child, he was deprived of a mother's tender care by her untimely death in 1847. She left one child beside himself, his sister Ellen, now Mrs. S. R. Morris, of Fayette County. The father of our subject was a wagon-maker, and for some years carried on his trade at Midway, where his wife died. He continued to manufacture wagons for some years longer in that town, and then engaged in hotel-keeping there until 1882. He became well known as mine host, and was a favorite with the traveling public. In the year mentioned, he came to London, retiring from business, and afterward removed to Toledo, where he is living with his daughter, Mrs. Fisher, and at the age of seventy-four is serenely awaiting life's great end, with the calm faith of a true Christian. His life has been guided by high principles, and he has always espoused every good cause that would in his judgment benefit the community. Thus he is a champion of temperance reform, and belongs to the Prohibition party, in politics. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a Trustee of the same. His wife also belonged to that church.

Our subject is of mixed German and English blood, his father descending from the Germans, and his mother of the Anglo-Saxon stock. He was carefully educated in the schools of Midway, this county, and received a good home training that has had a wholesome influence on his after life. He remained with his father until he was eighteen years old, and then the brave, patriotic youth determined at all hazards to take part in the great war that was then waging between the North and the South, and enlisted in Company K, Ninety-fifth Ohio Infantry, and during the three long and trying years that followed, he displayed steadfast courage, true fortitude in the most desperate situations, and an unfaltering loyalty to his country that led him to suffer and sacrifice much for its sake, and no member of his regiment proved a more valiant and efficient soldier than he. The first battle in which he fought was at Richmond, where he was taken prisoner, but he was subsequently exchanged, and he did good service at Vicksburg, when that city was besieged, and was an active participant in numerous other engagements. His last battle was that of Brice's Cross Roads, in Mississippi, where he was again captured by the rebels, who sent him to Andersonville, and he endured all the horrors of that prison for ten months, being barely alive when he at last left it, weighing sixty pounds less than when he entered its doors, and going out therefrom in 1865 a mere wreck of his former vigorous constitution.

Returning home after his bitter experiences of military life, as soon as he was able our subject entered a commercial college at Columbus, that he might better fit himself for a business life. After leaving college, he engaged in the grocery trade at Midway, continuing therein until 1870, when he closed out his stock at a good profit, and, coming to London, took a position as a clerk with John Kinney, with whom he remained until that gentleman's death in 1887. He acted as his book-keeper, and during the last three years carried on the business, as Mr. Kinney was out of health.

Mr. Miller bought his old employer's stock of goods after the latter's decease, and is still carrying on the business, which he is constantly enlarging, as he is a man of marked enterprise, understands fully the demands of the trade, is prompt to take advantage of the money market, and, in buying always the best at the most reasonable rates, is enabled to sell at moderate prices, and, as he is invariably courteous and honorable in his dealings, has secured a large custom. His establishment is complete in its appointments, and he employs six clerks, who are attentive to the wants of the customers, and are obliging and well trained. The postoffice is also well conducted under our subject's keen supervision, and three faithful clerks are employed to do the work. Mr. Miller is one of the standard-bearers of the Democratic party in this county, and as a Mason and member of the Grand Army of the Republic, he is prominent in social circles. He is actively identified with whatsoever tends to elevate the moral and religious status of the community, and is one of the foremost members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is Trustee.

Mr. Miller's domestic relations are of the pleasantest, as he has found a congenial companion and devoted wife in Margaret Fisher, to whom he was married in 1868. Their marriage has been hallowed to them by the birth of two children: Fay K., a student at Columbus; and Ercell. Mrs. Miller was a native of this county, and a daughter of Isaac B. and Elizabeth (Jefferson) Fisher. Her father was a large farmer and stockman. Mrs. Miller departed this life February 22, 1892.

JOHN W. O'DAY. The gentleman of whom it is our pleasure and privilege to here give a short biographical sketch is a representative farmer and stock-raiser, located in Pleasant Township, Madison County. He was born on the old home farm in Pleasant Township, June 18, 1860, his parents being Henry and Elizabeth (O'Day) O'Day, also natives of this county.

Our subject grew to manhood on the home farm, attending the district schools during the winter, and began life on his own responsibility when twenty years of age. Being naturally a

James Rader.

Mary A. Racler

good judge of stock, he was engaged by his brother in buying and selling cattle for a number of years. He was married January 4, 1883, to Miss Harriet Elizabeth Busick, of Range Township, Madison County. She was the daughter of Elijah W. and Rachel (Reece) Busick, and was born in 1865.

He of whom we write was the fifth in order of birth of a family of six children, of whom four are still living: Elijah lives in London, Ohio, where he is engaged in the stock business; Mary married W. N. Olney, and makes her home in Indianapolis, Ind.; Harley is a soldier in the regular army. The eldest son, Scott, died in infancy, as also did Celia. To Mr. and Mrs. O'Day have been born two children: Elijah, Jr., who had his birth November 20, 1883, and Edna Maria, November 14, 1887.

In his political relations, our subject is a Democrat, as was his father before him. His estate comprises two hundred and two acres, which his industry and good management have placed under a high state of cultivation. As before stated, he is engaged in stock-raising, and reaps quite a handsome return from this branch of agriculture.

JAMES RADER is one of the principal farmers and stockmen of Pickaway County, and has extensive farming and stock interests in Pickaway Township. The large tract of land owned by him lies in the middle of the famous Pickaway Plains, one of the most historical spots in the State, and it includes the most of the original farm on which stands the noted Logan Elm, the south line of his lands extending to within three hundred yards of this ancient tree, beneath whose branches Logan, Chief of the Mingos, made his renowned speech in 1774, at the time Lord Dunmore, then Royal Governor of Virginia, concluded the treaty of peace, whereby the great Northwest Territory was thrown open to the white man. Here stood Squawtown and Indian Village, where some fighting was done in the past.

Mr. Rader is a native of Pike County, this State, and was born December 8, 1839. His father was Adam Rader, a Virginian by birth and a farmer by occupation. When he was twenty-three years old, he came to Ohio to cast in his fortunes with the early settlers of Pike County, and here entered land, which he subsequently improved into a good farm. The country was sparsely settled as to its white population, but Indians were numerous and there was plenty of wild game. He lived to see the county quite well developed and populous, dying in 1867, and thus passed away one of the most respected pioneers of his community. He was active in religious work as well as in material interests, was a most worthy member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was of a quiet, retiring disposition, kindly, gentle and considerate in his intercourse with others, and always attended strictly to his own affairs, never meddling with anybody's else business. He started out in the woods without any means, but by his unremitting industry and excellent business talent, he acquired a valuable property, and at the time of his death, he had six hundred acres of choice land.

Noah Rader, the grandfather of our subject, was also a native of Virginia, and spent his last years in Pike County, this State, with his son, dying at the age of eighty-eight years. He was a strong, powerful man, with a fine physique. The Indians were troubl some while he lived in Virginia, threatening the destruction of his family and his property, and that was the cause of his migration to Ohio. The mother of our subject was Nancy Thorp, a native of Virginia, and a descendant of one of the old families of that State. She was a member in high standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, remaining true to the faith until her death, which occurred when she was seventy-four years old. Of her ten children, eight are living, our subject being the third in order of birth.

James Rader, of this biographical review, spent his early life on his father's farm and obtained his education in the typical log schoolhouse of pioneer times, which was furnished with slab benches, and half of one side of the building was removed to make way for the fireplace and mud and stick chimney. He remained at home with his

parents until he was twenty-one years old, and then began life for himself by working out at the rate of $13 per month. He prudently saved his earnings and at the end of three years entered upon his independent career as a farmer by renting land, in 1862, along the Scioto River.

In 1875, Mr. Rader came to Pickaway County and purchased his present farm on the Pickaway Plains in Pickaway Township, and has six hundred and nineteen acres of as fine farming land as can be found in Ohio, all lying in a body and well equipped with substantial improvements. From its fertile fields he reaps rich harvests of grain, and in its pastures raises fine stock, buying and feeding many cattle also. He has been remarkably successful, financially, and is one of the moneyed men of the township and of the county, to whose wealth he has materially added. He is a whole-souled, large hearted man, strong of purpose, prompt in action, and endowed with great capability. He is one of the foremost Democrats of this section, has been a delegate to county conventions, and stands high in the opinion of his fellow-townsmen, irrespective of party.

Mr. Rader was married, in 1862, to Miss Mary A. Shock, a native of Pike County and a daughter of Andrew and Amanda (Shoemaker) Shock, who were of Virginian birth and were early settlers of Pike County, where they died. Mr. and Mrs. Rader lived very happily together until her death, June 12, 1891. She was a woman of rare merit, with a warm and generous heart, and was helpful and friendly to all who came under her influence, looking well to the comfort of her household. Life, with its joys and sorrows, for her is over:

"But we cannot think of her idle,
She must be a home-maker still;
God giveth that work to the Angels
Who are fittest the task to fulfill.

And somewhere, yet, in the hilltops
Of the country that hath no pain,
She will watch in her beautiful doorway
To bid us a welcome again."

To our subject and his wife were born these twelve children: Anna, George B., Nettie, Oscar (deceased), Dennis, Burr, Florence, Don, Scott, Cora, Smiley, and James C. Anna married Lewis Odaffer, of Pickaway Township, and they have one child, Harold; George B. married Miss Annie Anderson and they also live in this township.

On another page are presented portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Rader.

JOHN W. DECKER has been a resident of Pickaway County all his life, and his example of industry and earnest and sincere endeavor to succeed in life is well worthy of imitation. He is now successfully following an occupation that has for ages furnished sustenance to the ready worker, and that he is progressive and advanced in his ideas is manifested in everything about his place.

He was born in Madison Township, Pickaway County, March 20, 1849, and his father, Vause Decker, was also a native of this county, born in a log cabin October 12, 1814, and was one of the pioneer settlers. The latter became familiar with hard labor at an early age, for he assisted his father in clearing wild land in this county, and here he received a limited education in the pioneer schools, which were taught in log cabins with slab seats, huge fireplaces, etc. After reaching man's estate, he married Miss Jemima Williams, and the union was blessed by the birth of three children one beside our subject now living, Kate H. Mr. Decker died in 1891, following to the grave his estimable wife, who had passed away a few years before. He was a Democrat in politics and was public-spirited and enterprising. He left a valuable estate of seven hundred and fifteen acres of land, all well improved. He was active in all educational matters and served as School Director for many years. He was a good citizen, an excellent neighbor and a kind and loving husband.

Our subject's paternal grandfather, Luke Decker, was a native of Virginia and when a young came to Pickaway County, which was then wild and unsettled. Indians were numerous and wild animals filled the woods. After getting a start in life, he returned to his native State, married, and, with his bride, returned to the Buckeye State. They

settled in a little rude log cabin in Madison Township, this county, and entered upon the serious business of trying to make a living. Mr. Decker was one of the first to settle in this section and was a pioneer in every sense of that term.

John W. Decker was reared to manhood in his native county, and, like his father and grandfather before him, has been prominently identified with the interests of this county. In addition to a good practical education obtained in the district schools of Madison Township, for two years he attended the well-known Baptist Institution at Grandville, Ohio. He has improved all his advantages and is a man well posted on all subjects of interest. On the 1st of October, 1873, he was married to Miss Kate H. Millar, daughter of Michael and Margaret Millar, early settlers of Madison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio. Both parents are now deceased. Mrs. Decker has one brother and three sisters in Madison Township, viz: Melissa, wife of Nathan Perrell; George R.; Alice, wife of Robert Perrell, and Mattie.

The original of this notice is the owner of three hundred and forty-five acres of land and is one of the foremost farmers in his section. In politics, he is a Democrat and is a stanch advocate of the principles of that party. In all worthy enterprises, he takes a decided interest and is well known throughout the section as a public-spirited and charitable citizen. He is a member of the Township Board and has held other positions of trust in Madison Township. His marriage was blessed by the birth of four children: Clifford H., Annie M., Georgie and Millar M., all bright and capable.

JOASH CROMLEY, a native of Pickaway County, April 17, 1830, the date of his birth, is of the old pioneer stock, and was born and reared on the farm in Walnut Township which is still his home, said farm being one of the earliest to be reclaimed from the primeval wilds of this region. Our subject is a son of Jonas and Amelia (Hoffines) Cromley, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Maryland. His ancestors on both sides of the house were Germans, and his grandfather Hoffines was a soldier in the War of 1812, drawing a pension in after years for his services therein. His paternal grandfather, Paul Cromley, emigrated from Pennsylvania with his family to Ohio in 1815, and settled on the farm in Pickaway County now owned by our subject, his son Jonas being a boy at that time, he having been born in 1803. The family made their home in a log cabin in the woods, and the elder Mr. Cromley labored hard to clear and develop this farm, upon which he died at a ripe age, leaving behind him a goodly record as a pioneer who had struggled bravely against the adverse forces of nature, and was helpful in the upbuilding of the county.

Jonas Cromley grew to man's estate on the old homestead amid scenes of pioneer life and received a fair education in the primitive schools of the day. He succeeded to his father's farm, and did much pioneer labor in its improvement. He was successful financially, accumulating a comfortable property, and he was a conspicuous figure in public, political, social and religious life of the community. For years, he served as Trustee and Treasurer of the township, and he was always in favor of whatever would advance the township or county. He was a Democrat, ever true to his political convictions, and in his religious affiliations he was a Lutheran. He and his good wife lived happily together many years, and were blessed with four children, namely: George, a resident of Columbus; Joash; Ann M. and David.

He of whom this biography is principally written was reared on the old farm that had been his birthplace and has always been his home. His education was conducted in a log cabin, that was rudely furnished with slab benches, and the only desks were boards placed on wooden pins against the walls of the room, being intended only for the scholars to write upon. He early became familiar with the details of farming, and since the old homestead came into his possession he has kept it up to a high standard of cultivation and improvement. He has here a quarter of a section of land that is naturally rich and productive, and from the harvests that he reaps from its well-tilled fields

and the stock that he raises in its excellent pastures, he derives a good annual income. Mr. Cromley is one of the Directors of the Reber Hill Cemetery, which is located in Walnut Township, and of which he was one of the incorporators. He has the welfare of his native county at heart, and in his successful career as a farmer has done much to promote its material progress. In politics, he stands with the Democrats. He has the confidence of the business community and is well known in his neighborhood as an earnest, candid, open-hearted man.

Our subject took unto himself a wife December 18, 1859, in the person of Miss Amanda Ashbrook, and to them have been born two sons, Charles and Joseph. Mrs. Cromley is also a native of Pickaway County, born in 1835 in the pioneer home of Absalom and Phœbe (Dunnuck) Ashbrook, who were early settlers of Walnut Township.

EDWARD W. SCOTT. In tracing the genealogy of the Scott family in America, we find the first representative was Rev. James Scott, M. A., who was a native of Depple Parish, Elgin, Scotland. His father, Rev. John Scott, M. A., was also a native of Scotland and in that country passed all his life. This family was one of the most prominent ones of Scotland and its members were men of education and learning. The coat of arms used in the family and by our subject's great-grandfather, Hon. Gustavus Scott, was a dove with an olive branch in its beak with the motto: "Gaudia Magna Nucio." Rev. James Scott, M. A., left his native land and settled in Virginia before 1739, and his brother, Rev. Alexander Scott, M. A., came to the Old Dominion at the same time. The former was rector of Depple, Va., until he went to Prince William County, Va., and there he became Rector also. He was a college-bred man, and owned the large and beautiful estate of "Westwood."

Hon. Gustavus Scott was born on the beautiful estate of Westwood, Prince William County, Va., in 1753, and studied law at Aberdeen, Scotland, after which he graduated in law at Midde College, London. During the Revolutionary War, he removed to Dorchester County, Va., and served as Representative of the State. Later, he removed to Washington City and was one of the Commissioners for the erection of public buildings in that city. He was an intimate friend of Gen. George Washington, and advanced from his own pocket considerable sums of money for the troops during the Revolutionary War, and he, with two other men, went security for the United States, to the amount of $120,000. He was a true patriot and won a national reputation. His son, John C. Scott, was a native Virginian, born in 1782, and was a large landowner and planter there. In 1820, he came to Ohio, located in Ross County, near Chillicothe, and became the owner of immense tracts of land. He died at the age of fifty-eight years. His son, Charles L. Scott, the father of our subject, was also a native of the Old Dominion, born on the 20th of September, 1812. He was a law graduate, practiced his profession at Chillicothe, Ohio, and was also the owner of considerable land near Yellow Bud. In 1848, he removed to Philadelphia and engaged in the wholesale merchandising business. He died there on the 24th of January, 1861. In politics, he was a Whig, and in religion an Episcopalian. He married Miss Elizabeth E. Slesman, a native of Philadelphia, born on the 7th of January, 1815, and the daughter of George and Elizabeth Slesman, both natives of Philadelphia, where the father was engaged in wholesale merchandising. To Mr. and Mrs. Scott were born nine children, all of whom grew to mature years and seven of whom are now living. With the exception of our subject, all are residents of the "City of Brotherly Love." Two brothers, John C. and Arthur W., were in the Civil War, the former enlisting in a Pennsylvania regiment in 1864. The latter was also in a Pennsylvania regiment.

Edward W. Scott, the seventh child in order of birth of the aboved-mentioned family, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on the 25th of July, 1849, and was educated in the private and select schools of that city. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-one years of age and then began clerking. The fertile soil of Ohio tempted him here in 1872, and he first located in Circleville,

where he engaged in the grain business with Heffner & Co. He followed this business in this city for five years, after which the firm dissolved partnership and commenced again under the firm title of Heffner, Scott & Co., with headquarters in Columbus. This firm lasted for three years, after which the firm of Seeds & Scott was formed in the same place. This firm owns the elevator on Fourth and Norton Streets, on the Pan Handle road, and is engaged in buying and shipping grain to the East.

In 1889, Mr. Scott removed back to Circleville on account of poor health and confined his attention principally to agricultural pursuits. He owns a fine farm of three hundred and eighty-five acres in Jackson and Muhlenburg Townships, on Darby Creek, all well improved with good buildings, fences, etc., and is engaged in raising full-blooded Percheron draft colts.

Mr. Scott was married on the 9th of September, 1875, to Miss Cynthia Renick, daughter of John Renick, a native of Virginia, who left a large estate of two thousand acres at his death. One child blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Scott: Minnie Renick, whose birth occurred on the 17th of May, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are members of the Presbyterian Church and he is Trustee and Treasurer in the same. In politics, he is a through and through Republican.

WILLIAM E. IRELAND, M. D. The medical profession has among its members many noble men, whose lives are filled with acts of goodness and animated with a desire to relieve the sufferings of mankind. Among those who occupy an honored place in the esteem of the citizens of Fayette County is the subject of this sketch, senior member of the firm of Ireland & Ireland, who has associated with him his older brother, S. A., in the practice of medicine and surgery at Washington C. H.

Dr. Ireland was born in Bloomington, Ill., April 18, 1852, at the time when that now prosperous and enterprising city was only a small village, surrounded by evidences of pioneer life and containing few prophetic indications of its present commercial importance. His parents, George and Sarah (Hopkins) Ireland, were natives of Ross County, Ohio, and were pioneer members of the farming community of McLean County, Ill. When our subject was only two and one-half years old, he was brought by his parents to Ohio, and remained in the southeastern part of Fayette County until 1865, when the family removed to Ross County.

In the schools of Fayette and Ross Counties, our subject acquired the fundamental principles of knowledge, and afterward was a student in the South Salem Academy, which was then the most important and flourishing educational centre in that part of the State. His schooling completed, he followed the profession of a teacher for seven years, and during the same time carried on medical studies under the preceptorship of Dr. A. Ogan, of Madison County. He took a course of lectures at Starling Medical College of Columbus and was a graduate in the Class of '82.

At once after completing his medical studies, Dr. Ireland located at Leesburgh, Highland County, where he remained for five years, his attention being closely devoted to the ever-increasing demands of his profession. In 1887, he came to Washington C. H., having decided that it would be best to seek a larger field for practice and one which demanded less country riding. Almost from the start, his practice was good and has constantly increased until now it requires his unceasing attention, to the exclusion of all public affairs or social recreations. In October, 1889, he formed a partnership with his brother S. A., who had previously been engaged in practice at Leesburgh.

The Doctor keeps abreast of the latest investigations in the medical world, and is well known to the fraternity, being a member of the State Medical Society, and both the Highland and Fayette County Medical Societies. He is identified with Fayette Lodge, Fayette Chapter and Commandery, F. & A. M. His attractive residence on East Court Street is presided over by his hospitable and cultured wife, whose name in maidenhood was Florence I. Carr, and who became his wife March 8,

1882. Their home is brightened by the presence of three children: Augusta Eugenia, Horace Carr and Nellie Gwenn, while one child has been taken from them by death. In his religious belief, the Doctor is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to its Board of Directors, while in charitable and philanthropic enterprises his sympathy and active co-operation are always extended.

SAMUEL HORNBECK, who follows general farming and stock-raising, was born on the farm which is still his home in Paint Township, Fayette County, January 28, 1839. His father, Isaac Hornbeck, was born in South Solon, Ohio, in October, 1813, but was reared in Madison County, where he resided until the last three years of his life, which were spent in Ross County. His death there occurred January 27, 1865. He married Anna Peck, who was born May 15, 1818, in Pickaway County, Ohio, and unto them were born seven children: Miles who was born in 1837, and died at the age of twenty-seven years; Samuel of this sketch; Hagar E., who is living in Pleasant Township; Henry, who died at the age of five years; Mary, who is living in Pleasant Township; John, of Madison Mills, Fayette County, who with his wife and four children resides on a farm of one hundred and forty-five acres; and George, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

The father of this family was a self-made man. He lived on the farm which is now the home of our subject until 1863, when he removed to Ross County. In 1854, he purchased two hundred and twenty-two acres of land and subsequently bought one hundred and fifty acres in Madison Township, Fayette County, where John Hornbeck now resides. In politics, he was a Democrat and a highly respected citizen.

Mr. Hornbeck of this sketch remained at home until several years after his father's death. He acquired a common-school education, and in 1875 took possession of his present home, having purchased two hundred and seventy acres of fine farming land. He also operates a one hundred and eighty-five acre tract which belongs to his mother. He is an enterprising and successful farmer and a glance at his place indicates the thrift and industry of the owner.

Mr. Hornbeck was married September 16, 1879, to Alice Porter, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, November 29, 1849, and is a daughter of Joshua and Rachel (Henry) Porter. She is the fourth in a family of six children, all of whom are still living: Isabel is the wife of Alex Taylor, of Ross County, and has one child; John H. is married and resides in Ross County; Mary J. makes her home in the same county; William resides with his wife and one child in Ross County; and Rosa E. is also there living. The father of this family, who was born in 1802, died in June, 1880, at the age of seventy-eight. His wife was born in Brooke County, Va., in February, 1809, and died August 5, 1887. They were both buried in Concord Cemetery.

Three children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeck: Nellie, born November 28, 1880; Ollie, December 28, 1881; and Herbert, February 8, 1890. Our subject and his wife rank high in social circles and are widely known throughout this community. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the Democratic party and served as Land Appraiser in 1890.

SAMUEL FRALICK. Among the well-known and influential farmers of Stokes Township, Madison County, is Mr. Fralick, who is a successful farmer and stock-raiser, using the best methods in fertilizing the soil and improving the land. He has been successful in his chosen calling and has accumulated a fine property, enjoying the esteem and respect of all who know him. He was born in Lancaster County, Pa., June 2, 1837, and is the son of Joseph and Susannah (Easton) Fralick, also natives of the Keystone State.

The parents of our subject moved to Clarke County, this State, when Samuel was a lad of six

years. He there grew to manhood on the farm and received a fair education in the primitive schools of the district. When sixteen years of age he began life on his own account, hiring out to different parties to drive cattle over the mountains to the Eastern markets. In 1855 and 1856, he spent a twelvemonth in Logan County, Ill., working on a farm, at the end of which time he returned to Madison County, this State, and was employed by the month for another year; during that time he saved considerable money, which, together with the snug little sum which he had accumulated in handling stock, enabled him to purchase one hundred and ten acres of land which is near his present abiding-place. His estate now includes three hundred and seventy acres of land, and in addition to raising cereals he feeds and ships hogs in great numbers. He also breeds a good grade of horses and sheep, and ranks among the progressive and enterprising stock-raisers of Madison County. Mr. Fralick has recently disposed of his interest in the grain elevator at South Solon, which he owned in partnership with C. T. Bowers. He cast his first Presidential vote for a Democratic candidate in 1864, but since that time has been identified with the Republican party. He has served in many positions of trust in this community, being Township Trustee for several years, a School Director and was elected County Commissioner in the fall of 1884, serving one term and three years, during which time he was kept very busy, as many of the bridges of his district had been washed away by the heavy rains.

Mr. Fralick is the younger in a family of two children, his sister Mary, who was born in 1835, being Mrs. H. W. Bowers. His father was born January 13, 1811, and died May 20, 1874, while his mother, who was born January 3, 1816, departed this life September 6, 1887. The lady to whom our subject was married December 23, 1866, was Miss Mary E. Crow, a native of Jefferson Township, Fayette County. She was born August 12, 1849, and was a daughter of Ezekiel H. and Rosanna (Creamer) Crow. She was given a good education and when seventeen years of age began teaching school and after being thus engaged for a time, took a course of study at the schools of Lebanon. Her father was married three times, she being the eldest but one in a family of four children born of his second union. Her brother, Thomas, resides in Fayette County; Susan, who married Melvin L. Anderson, makes her home in Guthrie County, Iowa, and Lucy, who married Lemuel W. Vance, departed this life in August, 1890.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fralick have been born two children, viz: Mary B., who was born March 3, 1889, and Susan G., April 24, 1891. Mrs. Fralick's mother died when she was about four years of age, and when fourteen years old her father was killed in a collision on a railroad between Covington and Lexington, Ky. It was during the period of the Civil War when he was returning from a visit to his son who was a Union soldier.

JEROME SMITH, proprietor of the Pickaway Machine Works, was born in Walnut Township, this county, on the 23d of December, 1853, and is a son of Henry Smith, who was originally from Fairfield County, this State. The grandfather, John Smith, was born in Pennsylvania, but at an early date moved to Ohio and settled in Amanda Township, Fairfield County, where he improved a large farm. He was twice married, and was a man well respected by all acquainted with him. He was of German descent. The father of our subject is a blacksmith by trade, and after locating on a farm in Walnut Township, he put up a shop and machine works which he operates at the present time, and although now sixty-five years of age, he is a fine machinist. His wife, the mother of our subject, Rebecca (Crites) Smith, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Samuel Crites, who was a native of Pennsylvania. He was a farmer by occupation and followed that business all his life. The mother of our subject is deceased.

Of the ten children born to his parents, Jerome is sixth in order of birth. He received a common education in the district schools and from the time he was a small boy he was in the blacksmith shop

and thus picked up the trade. When fourteen years of age, he made a hand at the anvil, but previous to that, when only ten years of age, he shod horses. At the age of twenty-one, or in 1877, he went to Lancaster and was employed in a carriage shop there for three years. Returning to Walnut Township, he was with his father for over five years and was his partner for a year. Seeing a better opportunity to succeed in his trade, he came to Circleville and started a shop near the Cleveland, Marietta & Ohio depot. In 1890, he bought this business from Ed Smith, the old Tyler Mill, and since then has conducted it alone. He has added to it in many ways, and is one of the most successful and thorough-going business men of the place. He has a large brick planing mill and machine shop, a large brick storeroom operated by a sixty-horse power engine, and manufactures doors, sashes, frames, mouldings, etc., and also runs the general machine works, called the Pickaway Machine Works, which he purchased in 1890 and combined with the other.

Our subject was an organizer of the Circleville Lumber Company, and was President until December 1, 1891, when he sold out his interest and turned his attention exclusively to the machine works. He is doing a large amount of business, usually employs from twelve to fifteen men, and system and order prevail throughout. He has been engaged in other enterprises that brought him in good returns, and is the owner of four lots with buildings on East Main Street, cornor of Mingo. He is full of push and energy and stands in the front rank of that worth and energy which have made Circleville so great a manufacturing centre.

Mr. Smith was first married in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, to Miss Ida J. Noggle, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio. She passed away two years later. His second marriage occurred in Lancaster, to Miss Caroline Betz, a native of Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, and the daughter of Fred Betz, a successful wagon manufacturer there for many years but now deceased. Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and are named as follows: Cora E., Harry A., Frank P., Minnie, Mildred and Frederick. Mr. Smith was School Director in Walnut Township, and has held other local positions. He is a self-made man in every respect and thoroughly understands his business. Socially, he is a Knight Templar. In politics, he is a strong advocate of the principles of the Republican party and his father was a strong Union man. He has been a delegate to county and State conventions and is one of the representative men of the county.

DANIEL W. HOWARD, who is engaged in the undertaking and furniture business at West Jefferson, has been very successful in the affairs of life and is in good circumstances. His means have not been accumulated without hard work and the exercise of prudence and forethought, and those who know him feel that he has won no more than he deserves. His place of business is well stocked with a full assortment of goods to be found in that line of trade, in the disposal of which he is thoroughly honest and upright.

Horton Howard, the father of our subject, was born in Belmont County, this State, June 22, 1817, and when nineteen years of age removed to Columbus, where he attended school and later assisted his father, who was a druggist, in his store. On the death of the latter, he assumed the business, which he operated very successfully for several years. Later, he purchased a farm near Alton, Franklin County, and there made his home until his decease, January 20, 1878. The father of our subject was married in Columbus, February 10, 1841, to Miss Mary A. Marple, who was born near Philadelphia, Pa., December 6, 1823.

The eleven children included in the parental family bore the respective names of Albert, Joseph B., Isaac N., Charles C., Frank W., Mary E., Theo, Daniel W., Horton J., Eliza J. and Edwin. The mother of these children removed from the farm to West Jefferson in October, 1890. Daniel W. of this sketch was born near Alton, Franklin County, this State, July 22, 1859. He was reared on his father's farm, received a common-school education and continued to remain at

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home until August, 1890, when he came to West Jefferson and established himself in the undertaking and furniture business, in company with his brother Theo, the firm being known as Howard Bros.

In social affairs, Mr. Howard is a member of West Jefferson Lodge No. 412, I. O. O. F. and being a peaceable and law-abiding citizen, pursues the even tenor of his way with an intelligent conception of the work that lies before him and the duty he owes to his fellow men. Like his parents, he is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is regarded by his acquaintances as one of the rising young business men of West Jefferson.

WILLIAM F. BROWN. The gentleman whose portrait is shown on the opposite page comes of one of the early pioneer families of Pickaway County, that have been prominently identified with its growth and prosperity for many years. He has practically witnessed the greater part of its development from its original wildness, besides taking a hand in it as an industrious and well-to-do farmer of Jackson Township. He was born in Deer Creek Township, March 12, 1831, and is a son of Trustin P. Brown, who was widely known in his day as one of the most prominent and successful farmers and stock men of the county. The latter was born in Delaware in 1810 and was a son of Peter Brown, who was also a native of that State.

The grandfather of our subject came to this State in 1816, and settled first in Ross County, near the Pickaway County line. Some years later, he bought land in Deer Creek Township, this county, comprising one hundred acres, which he developed into a good farm. At that time, the surrounding country was a perfect wilderness, with but very few settlements here and there in the woods, and deer and other game were very plentiful. Chillicothe was the nearest market, and the people had to content themselves with what they could produce for the most part, many of the necessaries of life being then unprocurable luxuries. Peter Brown was past fifty years of age when he died in the home that he had built up by hard toil in Deer Creek Township.

The father of our subject was but a boy of five or six years when the family emigrated to Ohio, crossing the mountains and intervening country in a wagon. He was brought up in the woods, and what education he received was obtained in the pioneer schools of early times. He was naturally very capable, having an excellent head for business, was an untiring worker and became one of the wealthy men of the county. He was a very extensive farmer, owning nearly a thousand acres of land, and was a great stockman, raising large numbers of cattle and other stock. He had a good wife to assist him in the accumulation of his property. Her maiden name was Tabitha W. Cannon, and she was a native of Maryland. She died at the age of sixty-five, leaving behind her a worthy record as a true Christian woman of the Methodist faith and an active worker of the church to which she belonged. She was the mother of nine children, namely: Elizabeth, William F., Sarah S., Wesley, Nancy, Tabitha W., Peter W., Maria and Trustin P. The father was a true Democrat in politics. His name will always be associated with the rise and progress of Pickaway County, and his memory cherished as a good citizen.

The subject of this life review was educated in a primitive log schoolhouse, which was heated by a large open fireplace, slab benches with pin legs were the seats, a board placed on pins against the wall was used as a writing-desk, and the building was lighted by the removal of a log from the wall. Our subject was early initiated into all kinds of farm work, and at the age of twenty-two began farming for himself, with a good experience of the ins and outs of the calling. He has one hundred and forty acres of fine land in Jackson Township, which is all improved, and is one of the best-managed farms in the vicinity. It is well stocked with cattle of good grades, and its well-tilled fields yield abundant harvests of grain and other produce. Its buildings are roomy, well arranged and orderly, and the thrifty air of the place betokens the prosperity of the owner. Our subject employs

modern methods and modern machinery in carrying on his operations, but he can well remember the crude manner in which the farmers were obliged to till the soil and reap the harvests when he was a boy, wheat being cut with a sickle and later with a cradle, until the invention of the self-binder. The old-fashioned scythe was used in mowing then, and men only obtained fifty cents a day for swinging it from early morn until set of sun, or handling the clumsy rake of olden times.

It has been the good fortune of our subject to have the active co-operation of a capable wife in his work, his marriage with Miss Massie A. Owens, a descendant of one of the early families of Pickaway County, taking place June 8, 1858. They have had eight children, as follows: Trustin; Samuel (deceased); Sarah, Mrs. Carpenter; William F., Eliza, Aaron S., Fred and Edward (twins), the latter deceased.

After marriage, our subject continued to live in his native township for three years, but has resided in Jackson Township since 1861. He has made himself a valuable citizen in the social, religious and public circles of the community, and is looked up to with respect by all who know him. In politics, he is a decided Democrat. He has been Trustee of Jackson Township eleven years, was Assessor two terms and has been School Director much of the time since he took up his residence here. He and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has always been religiously inclined, even in his boyhood, when he had to walk over rough ways three miles to Sunday-school.

JOSEPH NOTHSTINE enjoys the distinction of being not only one of the pioneers of Pickaway County, Ohio, but one of its highly esteemed and honored citizens. He was born in Madison Township, of this county, April 14, 1823, and his parents, John and Gertrude Nothstine, were natives of the Keystone State, and both of German descent.

John Nothstine was married in his native State, and remained there until about 1810, when he became possessed of a great desire to settle in Ohio, and with his wife and family made the journey to that State. They settled in the woods of Madison Township, Pickaway County, in a log cabin, and immediately began making improvements and clearing the farm. They were among the very first settlers, and here their large family of children were born, only our subject now surviving. Mr. and Mrs. Nothstine passed the remainder of their days on this farm, and were universally respected.

The early life of our subject was passed among pioneer surroundings, and when but a small boy he became inured to hard labor. He has done his share toward developing the resources of this wonderful State, and in every way has aided in its advancement and progress. His advantages for receiving an education were limited to the pioneer schools, taught in a log cabin with a huge fireplace, slab seats, and greased paper for window lights. Schoolhouses were not on every hill-top, as they are at the present time, and the young pioneers were obliged to go many miles to get their little learning. Mr. Nothstine is mainly self-educated, and has an excellent knowledge of the German language.

On the 3d of October, 1843, our subject was married to Miss Caroline Rinesmith, who was born in Pennsylvania, on the 23d of April, 1818, and whose parents, Daniel and Barbara Rinesmith, were natives of the Keystone State. They were also of German descent, and when Mrs. Nothstine was but eight years of age, they left their native State to come to the fertile lands of Ohio. They settled in the woods of Madison Township, Pickaway County, and she who is the companion of the joys and sorrows of our subject knows by actual experience in youth many of the hardships as well as the adventures of pioneer life. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rinesmith, only one beside Mrs. Nothstine is now living, Jesse, who is a resident of Illinois.

The six children who were granted to our subject's marriage are all deceased except one daughter, Mary A., who married Abram Strorts and became the mother of ten children, as follows: Joseph, Charles, James, Mary, Caroline, Annie, Bertie,

John, Samuel and Ella. Eliza (deceased), a daughter of our subject, was the mother of nine children but only five survive: Sarah, Joseph, William, Stella and Annie. Those deceased were Emma, Samuel, Gracie and an infant. Mr. Nothstine owns two hundred and sixty-five acres of good, productive land, with excellent improvements, and has one of the most attractive agricultural spots in his section. It is conspicuous for the management that, while making it neat and attractive, still shows prudence and economy. Mr. Nothstine is one of the representative pioneers of Madison Township, of this county, and has filled a number of local positions. He is active in all worthy movements and takes a deep interest in educational matters. He and wife are members of the Lutheran church and he has served as Deacon in the same.

Now, after the turmoil and worry of pioneer life, Mr. Nothstine and his estimable wife, who has been his co-worker and loving partner for many years, can sit down and enjoy the fruits of their industry and perseverance. They are well known in Madison Township and are highly esteemed by all.

GEORGE A. IRWIN, manufacturer of flour, feed, etc., is the proprietor of the Exchange Mills, at the corner of Mill and Clinton Streets, and is one of the live business men of Circleville. He was born in this city on the 14th of June, 1839, but his father, John E. Irwin, and his grandfather, Abner Irwin, were natives of Pennsylvania and of Scotch-Irish descent. The grandfather followed the occupation of a farmer in his native State and there passed his entire life. He was an officer in the War of 1812.

John E. Irwin, the father of our subject, was born in Berks County and followed the trade of moulder there. He was married in Pennsylvania to Catherine Tobias, who was born near Hamburgh, Penn., and was a daughter of Benjamin Tobias. Mr. Tobias was of German descent and a blacksmith by trade. He came to Circleville, Ohio, at an early date, followed blacksmithing for a short time, and then went on a farm, but later returned to Circleville, where he died when seventy-five years of age. After his marriage, the father of our subject remained in his native State until about 1836, when he was sent for by a foundryman of this place. The foundry not being completed when he reached this city, Mr. Irwin worked on the old canal for a short time and then became foreman in the foundry, continuing in that capacity for thirty years. After this, he embarked in business for himself for one year, after which he continued in the old Sciota Machine Works until he died in May, 1880. He was a stockholder for some time and one of the county's honest, industrious citizens. In politics, he was a Democrat until the war and was then a Douglas man. In religion, he was identified with the Methodist Church. His widow now resides in Pekin, Tazewell County, Ill.

Fourteen children were born to this esteemed couple, but only five are now living. One son, C. Edward, enlisted in the Thirteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry in 1862 and served until the close of the war. He was promoted to be Sergeant, was wounded and captured and was confined in Libby Prison for nine months. He died in 1887. Our subject was reared in Circleville and supplemented a common-school education by attending the Evert's Graded School, where he remained until one year before graduating. At the age of seventeen or eighteen, he was apprenticed to learn the machinist's trade under Bright, Bears & West in the old Sciota Works. He served an apprenticeship of seven years, became a practical machinist, and continued with them off and on as engineer, etc., until the above-mentioned years had expired, when he branched out for himself. Miss Sue Young, who became his wife in 1860, was born in Circleville and is a daughter of Jacob Young, who was a native of Union County, Penn. Mr. Young was an early settler in Pickaway County, Ohio, and followed the occupation of a miller and farmer.

In the fall of 1860, our subject located on a farm in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, and followed farming until May, 1864, when he volunteered in the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry, Company A, as private. He was sent with his regiment to Martinsburgh, Va., to guard the trains. Later, he was sent on guard duty

to Washington, guarded Grant's army, was through the battle of the Wilderness and continued in service until cessation of hostilities. He was mustered out at Camp Dennison in September, 1864. After the war, he was on the farm for a few years, was also engaged as a machinist for a year or two and was City Engineer for two years. He then became proprietor of the mill and has been actively engaged in the manufacture of flour and feed up to the present. His mill is three stories in height, is a fine brick building, 40x60 feet, has a capacity of forty barrels and is run by a forty-horse power.

Mr. Irwin has a pleasant home at the corner of Union and Washington Streets, and he and wife are classed among the best citizens. They are the parents of five sons, four living: Samuel J., a graduate of the High Schools, studied medicine under Dr. Row and graduated at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati. He is now practicing at Tarlton, this county. Charles A. is in Cincinnati with the Thompson-Houston Electric Supply Company; George G. is a printer in Pekin, Ill.; and Howard is at home. Mr. Irwin is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Encampment, being a charter member and Adjutant of Groce Post No. 156, of Circleville, and was a member of the Knights of Pythias. In religious belief, he is a Methodist, and in politics he is a Republican in national affairs. His first Presidential vote was for Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of the Monumental Association. The eldest son, Edward E., was killed by the accidental discharge of a revolver in 1892.

GEORGE W. GARDNER., M. D. This valued resident of Plain City was born in Jefferson Township, Madison County, this State, February 22, 1849, and is a son of Nathaniel Gardner, a native of Franklin County, Ohio, who devoted himself through life to the business of farming and stock-raising. His death occurred in 1859, when our subject was a lad ten years of age. James Gardner, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Virginia, who came to Ohio at a very early day and made his home in Franklin County. He located on Darby Creek, and remained there until his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-seven. This ancestor was of English descent, but his immediate progenitors had been for some time residents of the Old Dominion.

Mahala Walker was the maiden name of the mother of Dr. Gardner, and she also was a native of Virginia, but came to Ohio with her parents when only four years of age and her family made their home in Franklin County, on Darby Creek, where she still resides at the advanced age of seventy-eight. Her father, James Walker, was a native of the Old Dominion, and lived to the very venerable age of ninety-four years. Her mother was of German descent.

The parents of our subject were united in marriage on Darby Creek, Franklin County, and made their early married home on the spot where the mother still resides. This continued to be their home throughout their entire union, with the exception of two years, when they lived in Madison County. They became the parents of six children, five sons and one daughter, all of whom grew to years of maturity. One only of the number has passed from earth's activities. Our subject is the fifth child and fourth son. His early schooling was taken in his native place, and later he attended the Central College of Franklin County, and afterwards attended college at Westerville, Ohio, and thence went to the Miami Medical College, from which he graduated in 1873.

The young Doctor established his first medical practice at Harrisburg, Franklin County, Ohio, and upon leaving that place he located in Plain City, which has since been his home, having come here in 1883. He was married in June, 1884, at Harrisburgh, to Miss Mary Chenoweth, a native of Franklin County. One son has blessed this union, to whom has been given the name of William D.

The political views of Dr. Gardner have led him to affiliate with the Republican party, and he has ever taken an active interest in public matters, although he cannot be called a politician. His fellow-citizens have made him a member of the

School Board, feeling that in his intelligence and integrity they can confide the interests of their children. He is connected with Urania Lodge No. 311, A. F. & A. M., and with Pleasant Valley Lodge No. 193, I. O. O. F., of Plain City.

MILTON C. SPRAGUE, M. D., is widely known throughout Madison County and universally esteemed. He is the son of Dr. James B. and Sarah S. Chamberlain Sprague, both natives of this State, where the father is an old and honored practitioner. Of the parental family of seven children only two lived to mature years, Cecelia F., and Milton C.

He of whom we write was born in Harmony Township, Clarke County, this State, October 23, 1849. He was reared to manhood in his native place, and attended the common schools in his district, supplementing the knowledge gained therein by a three years' course in the schools at Springfield. Desiring to follow in the footsteps of his father; as regards an occupation in life, Mr. Sprague, in 1869, began the study of medicine, and after reading under that gentleman for some time, entered the Cincinnati Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in the Class of '74.

When starting out in life for himself, Dr. Sprague began the practice of his profession in London, thence, after two years, removed to Marseilles, Wyandot County. He remained in that place, however, only a twelvemonth, and again returning to London, became identified with the interests of that section and remained until January, 1880, at which date he came to Summerford, where his friends are as numerous as his acquaintances. He is numbered among the most prominent citizens in the county, and his increasing years in practice have not made him careless, but have added to his interest in his chosen profession, and broadened his knowledge of the human system and the remedial agencies by which it can be restored to health when impaired by a violation of nature's laws.

The lady who became the wife of our subject in August, 1871, was Miss Alice C., daughter of Spafford and Rachel (Goodfellow) Hurd, residents of Vienna, Clarke County, this State. They were the parents of a family of three children, of whom Mrs. Sprague is the eldest. She was born in the above-named county, June 3, 1852, and by her union with the Doctor has become the mother of two children, Clarence M. and Anna H. Dr. Sprague takes a deep interest in the cause of education, and for a number of years held a place on the School Board. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has many and warm friends. With his wife, he is a devoted member of the Christian Church, and his wife has served as Superintendent of the Sunday-school many times.

JOSIAH MORRIS, who resides on his pleasant and well-appointed farm nine miles west of Plain City in Monroe Township, is one of the leading farmers and public officers in this part of Madison County. He is a native of the afore-mentioned township, born here in pioneer times, March 23, 1837, being the date of his birth. His grandparents on both sides of the house were among the original settlers of Ohio, and his parents among the early settlers of this county.

The father of our subject, David Morris, was born in Kentucky, in 1807, and when he was seven years old he came to Ohio with his parents, Joseph and Lavina (Drake) Morris, who settled in Clarke County. He there met Sarah Weaver, a native of the county, who was born in 1813, and in course of time they married. Her parents, George and Elizabeth Weaver, were early pioneers of that part of Ohio, having settled there in 1802, coming from Virginia. They came to Madison County in 1835, to brave the dangers of the wilderness, that they might build up a comfortable home.

After their marriage in Clarke County in 1831, the parents of our subject located on a new farm in Logan County, whence they came to Madison County three years later. The father improved a good farm in Monroe Township and here died in

his eighty-fourth year. His name will always be preserved in the annals of the township as one of its noble pioneers who did good service in reclaiming it from the wilderness. His good wife died in her sixty-eighth year. They were the parents of six children, five of whom grew to maturity, namely: Solomon and Josiah (twins); Sarilda, wife of J. M. Bradley; John and Benjamin.

He of whom write is the fourth child of his parents in order of birth. His education was conducted in the local schools of his native town, and on his father's farm he gained a thorough knowledge of farming in all its details, which experience was of use to him when he began his independent career as a farmer. He remained an inmate of the parental household until he was twenty-one, in the year 1858, and then went out into the world, going Westward as far as Missouri, where he remained until 1861, devoting himself to farming. The breaking out of the war caused a decided change in his plans. He was a strong Unionist at heart, but was drafted into the rebel army. Not caring to fight against the Stars and Stripes, he quietly deserted three days after his enforced enlistment, and, coming back to his native county, he joined the Federal army in 1862, becoming a member of Company E, Eighty-fourth Ohio, Infantry. He served honorably four months and was then discharged at Delaware, Ohio.

After his return from the army, our subject resumed farming, and after his marriage he at once took up his residence on his farm in Monroe Township. There were but few improvements and he built the first house on the place, a small frame structure. He has since cleared away the brush and forest trees with which the land was encumbered, and has wrought a wonderful transformation, placing the land under fine cultivation and erecting neat and commodious buildings for every needed purpose, and he has now a model farm, embracing three hundred and thirty-one acres of land in all, one hundred and eighty-one acres in the home place and one hundred and fifty acres elsewhere in the same township. When he started here, aside from his land, he had only two horses and a cow. From that small beginning he has become very prosperous and raises many cattle, horses and hogs. His fellow-citizens, appreciating his capability for managing affairs, as well as his sterling merit, have entrusted various important offices to his care. He is now Trustee of the township and Supervisor of Roads. He was Captain of militia in 1863. He is well known as a Mason and is identified with Urania Lodge No. 311, Plain City. In politics, he a Republican.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Orpha Sidebottom took place February 21, 1865. To them have been born two daughters: Rosa, wife of C. D. Trimble, a boot and shoe dealer at Zanesville, and Carrie, a teacher in Union County. Mrs Morris was born at Mr. Pleasant, Jefferson County, November 10, 1846, and is the third child and eldest daughter of John H. and Eliza (Taylor) Sidebottom. Her father, who was Fife-Major of the Eighty-fourth Ohio Infantry during the war, serving four years in that capacity, was born near Winchester, Va. Her mother was born in Jefferson County, and there both died and were buried in the cemetery at Mt. Pleasant. They were the parents of ten children.

ISAAC TANNER. This prominent and progressive farmer of Darby Township, Pickaway County, is a man who has proved himself a hard-working citizen, and who is well known for his intelligence and good judgment. He belongs to one of the earliest families who settled in this county, and he was born on the farm which he now occupies, November 12, 1848. His father, David Tanner, was born in New York, August 8, 1808, and was a son of Peter Tanner, a German by birth, who came to America with his father when a boy, and, having settled in New York, married an American woman, and here reared his family. They had a household of twelve children, whom they brought up upon a farm. The grandfather died at the age of seventy, after coming to Ohio.

The father of our subject came to Ohio with his father when quite young, settling first near Cincinnati, and later in Darby Township, Pickaway

County, where he bought the farm known as the Balley Farm. He settled there in the wilderness, and, building a log cabin, began life in pioneer fashion. He was prospered so that after some time he bought the present farm, which adjoined the old one. His gun, still cherished by our subject, was the means of bringing down many a fat deer and turkey, and of thus supplying the family larder. He had a tract of five hundred and sixteen acres, which he had bought and paid for, but he lost, on account of an old claim on a part of the land, all but one hundred and eighty-seven acres of it. Notwithstanding his push, pluck and perseverance, and his rapid accumulation of property, he met with severe reverses through going security for others, losing in all some $12,000 thereby.

David Tanner was a Whig and a Republican in his earlier years, and continued thus until the question came up of the negroes' right of suffrage, at which time he became a Democrat. He held from time to time some minor offices in the township, and his death occurred February 1, 1876. In 1833, he married Catherine George, who was born near Darbyville, in this county, December 12, 1815. Her parents, Pornick and Catherine (Van Meter) George, were natives of Tennessee and Virginia, respectively, and, after their marriage in Virginia, lived in Kentucky for a few years, and later settled at Chillicothe, Ohio, when there was only a log store in what is now a thriving metropolis. During their first year there, they lived in tents, surrounded by Indians, and often feared to lie down and sleep at night. During their residence there, the mother made a visit to Virginia, traveling on horseback, with her infant in her arms.

The grandparents of our subject settled on Darby Creek, two miles below Darbyville, in 1812. Mr. George served his country in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. He settled upon a farm, buying several hundred acres of land, and brought it to a productive condition. In those days he had to go to Zanesville for salt and provisions, camping out nights, and sometimes being obliged to throw firebrands to keep the wolves from attacking his camp. His milling was done at Halls Mills, near Circleville, on Darby Creek, and there he had to go on horseback. His daughter, the mother of our subject, remembers having to pen the sheep at night to keep the wolves from stealing them, and could hear those wild beasts howling about the cabin at night. Mr. George died at the age of eighty-four, and his wife when seventy-four years old.

Of the twelve children belonging to the parents of our subject, eight are living, namely: Mary, Peter, Julia, Catherine, Isaac, John, Martha, and Amanda. Those that died were George, William, Oraminta, and one who died in infancy. The mother still resides with our subject, and is highly esteemed for her past years of usefulness and her truly pious character. She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church forty-five years ago, and takes great interest in religious matters.

The early training and education of Isaac Tanner was obtained on the farm and in the district school, and he worked at home until a year after his marriage, when he was twenty-four years old. His wife, to whom he was united January 23, 1873, was Mary Story, who was born in Franklin County, Ohio, near Galloway, October 23, 1851. Her parents, Joseph W. and Mary (Turner) Story, were born in Delaware and Illinois, respectively, and both came to Ohio when young, and were married at Circleville.

The Storys first settled in this county, five miles south of Circleville, and lived for several years in a log shanty, as they were poor and were ready to undertake the privations of pioneer life with cheerfulness. Their household utensils Mr. Story carried on his back from Circleville when they set up housekeeping. Some years later, they settled in Franklin County, in the woods, and developed a two hundred and fifty acre farm. He was a hard worker and a man of extraordinary constitution, and lived to be eighty-four years of age, dying in 1891. His wife died at the age of thirty-eight, when her daughter, Mrs. Tanner, was two weeks old.

The eighty-seven acres of land which are comprised in the farm of Mr. Tanner are all thoroughly improved, and upon them he carries on mixed farming, raising both grain and stock. He also rents land of others, and carries on extensive op-

erations. His hogs are of the Poland-China breed and are excellent stock. Mrs. Tanner is an earnest and devoted member of the Methodist Church, and is esteemed most highly for her ability and character. Mr. Tanner's political views bring him into harmony with the Republican party, and he casts his vote for the ticket put in the field by that party.

JOHN W. INGRIM, proprietor of a harness and saddlery establishment at Mt. Sterling, is the oldest merchant in continuous business in the place. He was born in Deer Creek Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, March 30, 1839. His grandfather, George Ingrim, came from Scotland, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Kinnear, was a native of Ireland. She was of the Protestant faith and was one of the best-informed women on the Bible in the country. She died in Indiana.

Andrew M. Ingrim, father of our subject, was born in Venango County, Pa., and was a tailor by trade. He married Mary Snyder, a native of Chillicothe, Ohio. When our subject was about two years old, they moved to Pulaski County, Ind., where the father was killed by the falling of a tree. Mrs. Ingrim with her only child returned to Pickaway County. At the age of nineteen, the latter began learning harness-making, serving a two-years' apprenticeship under C. H. Hanawalt, who paid him $36 the first year and board and $72 the second year. He then embarked in business for himself, but three months afterwards was burned out and lost nearly everything. He then worked for his former employer until the breaking out of the late war, when he tried to enlist in an artillery company of three-months' troops, but the quota was full. He afterwards went to Champaign County, Ill., where he spent two months, and on his return to Ohio, worked for William Berdell in Columbus. He next came to Mt. Sterling and entered into partnership with W. H. Snyder in the harness business, but in July, 1862, sold out to his partner and enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Infantry.

Mr. Ingrim was mustered in at Camp Chase, and was afterwards sent to Louisville and then to Nashville, where he was sick in the hospital from February 11 until April 15. He then joined his regiment and was appointed Quartermaster-Sergeant on the 1st of May, 1863. In Bridgeport, Ala., he was again taken sick and sent back to Nashville, where he was discharged on the 14th of November of that year, when he at once returned to his home.

On the 4th of February, 1864, his step-father, W. C. Atkins, died, and upon him devolved the responsibility of supporting his widowed mother and her five children. He faithfully performed this task, sacrificing his own interests for the benefit of those depending upon him. With a borrowed capital of $150, he soon opened a harness shop and has since been engaged in business in this line. Prosperity has attended his efforts since that time. His half-sisters are now married and his two half-brothers he taught his trade. One is now working with Mr. Ingrim, but the other died in 1881. Our subject now has an excellent business and also owns his store and his pleasant residence.

On the 16th of November, 1865, Mr. Ingrim wedded Miss Maggie E. Myers, who was born in Fayette County, Ohio, November 3, 1843, and is a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Green) Myers. Unto them have been born five children: Ordie D., who was born in Mt. Sterling, July 10, 1867, and is now a stenographer of Kansas City, Mo.; Minnie Myers, who was born in Mt. Sterling, October 16, 1869, and graduated from the High School; Charles W., born February 24, 1872; Ada A., born May 12, 1876, will graduate in 1893; and Mamie E., who was born April 16, 1879, died at the age of five years.

Mr. Ingrim is a stanch Republican. He has never sought office, but served nine years as a member of the School Board. He is a prominent Mason. Since 1862, he has been connected with the fraternity and has taken the Thirty-second Degree, has filled various offices and served three years as Master. He became a member of the Odd Fellows' society in 1878, was District Deputy Grand Master of Madison County, and is a charter member of the Daughters of Rebekah. He is a

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member of the Encampment, and has four times represented the lodge in the Grand Lodge. He is a charter member of J. C. Bostwick Post No. 406, G. A. R., is Past Commander and has twice attended the National Unions. He also belongs to the Patriotic Order of Sons of America. He has been a member of the Methodist Church since 1855, is a prominent worker and has served as Steward, Trustee, Class-leader and Superintendent of the Sunday-school. His life has been well and worthily spent. His sterling worth and many excellencies of character have won him high regard and he is recognized as a leading citizen of Mt. Sterling.

JOHN H. PARRETT. Fayette County is greatly indebted for its present wealth and high standing to the sturdy, intelligent, enterprising tillers of the soil, who have been instrumental in developing and sustaining its vast agricultural interests. As a worthy member of its farming community, who has contributed toward its material advancement, its gives us pleasure to present the biography and portrait of John H. Parrett in this volume. A native of Ross County, he was born October 11, 1821, and is a son of Joseph F. and Sarah Parrett. They were Virginians by birth, both born in the same place, the father in 1791 and the mother in 1795. The Parrett family originated in Switzerland, the founder of the branch in America being Frederick Parrett, great-grandfather of our subject, who came to this country in 1735, and settled in Virginia. He had six sons, who did noble service in the Revolution, and among them was Frederick Parrett, Jr., who was the grandfather of our subject.

Joseph F. Parrett grew to manhood in his native State, which at that period afforded but meagre school privileges to the children born within its borders. He was married in 1814, and at once set out with his bride for Ross County, in this State, the journey being made overland, and after his arrival bought one hundred and five acres of wild land on Buckskin Creek. His first house was a most humble structure, being built of logs and having a chimney on the outside made of mud and sticks. Thus, this energetic pioneer came into the wilderness with nothing but his hands with which to make his fortune, but he had a resolute will, knew well how to work advantageously, and his labors were crowned with success. The rude cabin of the early days of his settlement here gave place to a beautiful residence, and the original one hundred and five acres of land were added to by further purchases, until he owned over eight hundred acres of fine farming land. He accumulated his property by attending strictly to his business as a farmer and stock-raiser. Politically, he was a Whig. In his religious belief, he remained true to the Presbyterian faith, to which his parents had held.

The first wife of our subject's father was Sarah, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wilkin) Hass, natives of Virginia. John Hass came to Ohio in 1814, and was a pioneer farmer of Licking County, in which he lived until he closed his eyes in death at the age of eighty years. Elizabeth Wilkin was a daughter of Godfrey Wilkin, who came from Switzerland to this country in company with Frederick Parrett in 1735, and settled in Virginia. Ten children were born to the parents of our subject, of whom these seven grew to maturity: Eliza, wife of Adam Nebergall; Mary A., wife of William Thomas; Mrs. Sarah Ware, deceased; John H.; Henry C.; Absalom and Aaron, deceased. Joseph Parrett was married a second time, Malena Caley becoming his wife, and she bore him six children: George F., J. Milton; Margaret J., wife of John Braden; Susan E., wife of Isaac McClure; W. James and Augustus F.

Our subject was well trained in all kinds of farm work under his father's instruction, and remained with him until twenty-three years old, when he went on a farm in Ross County with his brother-in-law. He remained thereon six years, and in 1850 purchased the farm he now occupies in Wayne Township. This is a fine place, with well-tilled fields and rich pastures, with a commodious set of buildings, and all the modern improvements to be found on a well-managed farm. The beautiful brick residence in which he and his fam-

ily have a very pleasant home, he built in 1860, making all the brick himself. The first ten years of his married life were spent in a comfortable log house.

Mr. Parrett's home is presided over by the best of wives, to whom he was married December 24, 1850. Mrs. Parrett, who bore the maiden name of Sarah A. Harper, was born in Maryland in 1824, and is a daughter of Caleb and Mary Harper, who were natives of Delaware. The fruit of her union with our subject is four children, namely: Caleb, Joseph; Mary, wife of C. W. Crosby, and Sally, wife of A. L. Ireland. Mr. Parrett and his wife are people of high standing in the community where they have lived so many years, and they and three of their children are members of the Presbyterian Church, while Sally is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics, our subject is a Republican of strong convictions. He has been much sought after to help administer public affairs, as his ability and business tact bring him to the front, and he has held most of the township offices, besides being County Commissioner and a member of the Board of Equalization.

JOHN S. NEFF. No farmer in Pickaway County has a better record as a thoughtful, progressive and enterprising man of business, than John S. Neff, of Jackson Township, nor do any handle extensive and valuable farming and stock-raising interests better than he. Our subject was born in Berkeley County, Va., July 8, 1821, a son of Jacob Neff, who was also a Virginian by birth, the family being of German origin. His father was an extensive farmer in his native State, although he never owned any land there. He came to this county in 1845, traveling with a team across the mountains, and settled in Muhlenburg Township, where he farmed as a renter for several years. After the war, he removed to Moultrie County, Ill., and there died, at the venerable age of eighty-three years. He was a good man and for thirty years was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics, he was a sound Democrat. He married for his first wife Sarah Painter, who was born in Virginia and died young, when her son, our subject, was only six years old, leaving two other boys, William and Tilson. The father married a second time, Miss Margaret Clark becoming his wife, and they reared a family of four boys and four girls. The mother of our subject was a member of the Reformed Lutheran Church.

The boyhood days of our subject were spent on a Virginia farm and he attended the district schools whenever opportunity offered. At the age of sixteen, he began to work out at $6 per month, and was so engaged the most of the time until he came here. In 1845, he accompanied his father in the ever memorable journey from his native State to this, he driving the team. His first winter here, he hired out at $10 per month to make fence posts, etc., and then started in business for himself as a fence-maker, continuing in that line for eight or nine years, both winter and summer. In that manner, he obtained a goodly capital with which to establish himself as a farmer, and invested in seventy-two acres of his present farm. Only a little of his land was improved, but he devoted his energies to its development, and not only placed that under fine cultivation, but bought other land from time to time, and now has six hundred and seventy-five acres lying in and around Jackson Township, conveniently divided into four farms. There are three hundred and seventy acres in the home farm, another comprises seventy-five acres, and two farms contain one hundred and fifteen acres each. The land is all improved, and besides raising a good deal of grain, our subject has as many cattle, horses and hogs as his land will support. He fattens cattle every year, and he keeps some fine roadsters and draft horses. He carries on his farming operations after the best modern methods, making a careful study of his business and keeping himself well posted on agricultural topics by taking the best farm journals published. His improvements are of a substantial order, and include a large frame residence, built in 1867, and a good-sized frame barn erected in 1876.

Mr. Neff was married, November 17, 1853, to

Elizabeth Owens, a native of this county. Her death occurred in 1873. She was the mother of five children, as follows: Laura, wife of James Van Vickle, a farmer of Pickaway County; Sarah V., wife of Samuel Metzger, a farmer of Jackson Township; Mary E., who married James McCollister, and died in 1892; William, who married Mary Diar and lives on a farm in Moultrie County, Ill.; John S., who married Elizabeth Pherson and farms on his father's farm. Our subject was married again, October 31, 1876, Mary Flemming becoming his wife. She is a native of this county, and was born in Wayne Township, September 30, 1836.

Our subject is a purely self-made man, who began life without a dollar and is now numbered among the most wealthy men of Jackson Township. He has a remarkable talent for business, is keen, far-seeing, prompt in money matters and justly attributes his success in life to his close attention to the management of his affairs, to good judgment and wise economy. He is a member of the Democratic party, and has held high public positions. In 1874, he was elected County Commissioner, and served until 1880. He has been Trustee and Treasurer of Jackson Township for some years, and looks well after the interests intrusted to his care.

IRWIN BOGGS, of the old and prominent Boggs family, is a grandson of Maj. John Boggs (see sketch of Lemuel Boggs), and a wealthy, young and popular agriculturist. His father, James Taylor Boggs, was born on the Old Elm Farm in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1818, and was a son of Maj. John Boggs, one of the prominent men of his section in his time and day. The father of our subject became the owner of the family (Elm) farm, the Boggs homestead, of five hundred and twenty acres, and became one of the successful and progressive farmers of his locality. He also owned a farm of four hundred and twenty acres in Ross County, dealt largely in stock, and was thoroughly alive to all enterprises that had for their object the advancement of the farming and stock-raising interests of the vicinity. He was a man widely known, an honest, whole-souled gentleman, and one much esteemed by all. He was struck by a train and instantly killed in June, 1888, at the Scioto Valley depot. He was interred in the family grave-yard at the Old Elm Farm. In politics, he was a supporter of Democratic principles. His wife and the mother of our subject, Mrs. Minerva (Whitsel) Boggs, was born in Greene Township, Ross County, Ohio, and her father, who was born in the East, was one of the early settlers of Ross County. Mrs. Boggs now resides in Circleville, and is well respected by all. Of the five children born to them, all are living and enjoying good health: Mary, Mrs. John Davenport, now resides in Circleville; Taylor, now residing in Chillicothe, is engaged in the hardware business, and is an ex-Commissioner of Ross County; Samuel resides in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, this State, and James is engaged in business in Circleville.

The original of this notice, who was third in order of birth of the above-mentioned children, was born on the Elm Farm, January 31, 1856, and there grew to manhood. He received his scholastic training in the district school until sixteen years of age, when he supplemented the same by a two-years' course in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. After this, he remained at home until 1883, and then went to live with an uncle, John Boggs, one of the largest land-owners in the county, having one farm of eighteen hundred acres, and also large tracts in other parts of the county. He has been very successful. Our subject took charge of his uncle's affairs, but the latter died in March, 1884, while on his way home from Chillicothe. Our subject then became the owner of six hundred and forty acres of land in the home place, is still the owner of it, and is one of the most prominent young farmers of the county. His farm is bottom land, in the Scioto River Valley, and is very productive and fertile. He has a large brick residence, and his barns, sheds, etc., are all kept up in good shape, showing that a thrifty hand is at the helm. He is engaged in rais-

ing corn and wheat, and was engaged in the stock business, raising a fine grade of about fifty head of Short-horn cattle and many good draft horses annually, until 1889.

Our subject was married first in 1883, to Elizabeth Niles, daughter of O. E. Niles. She was born in Circleville, and died here in 1887, leaving one son, John. Mr. Boggs' second marriage occurred in September, 1891, to Mary Morris, a native of Pickaway Township, this county, who was the adopted daughter of B. W. Morris, of Circlevile. She received her education in, and graduated from, the schools of Circleville, and afterward taught school for three years. She is an accomplished and intelligent lady. In politics, Mr. Boggs is a Democrat, has been a delegate to county and State conventions, and has been a member of the Central Committee.

GEORGE J. McMULLEN. One of the most important points about the building of a private residence or business block is the plumbing. Through defective work, noxious gases are apt to arise, typhoid fever and other diseases spread, and death follows closely in their train. It is imperative then that the most skilled workmen should be employed, and that the sanitary arrangements should be effected upon the most scientific of principles. Among those holding a high reputation as a sanitary plumber, housefitter and heater, is George J. McMullen, who is an excellent and progressive business man, and is held in high esteem in the community. He is what one may call a self-made man in every sense of that much abused term, for he started out at the bottom of the ladder, and by his industry and superior ability, has reached the top round in his business.

Mr. McMullen was born in this county, on the 18th of February, 1845, and his father, Robert McMullen, was a native of Pennsylvania and of Scotch descent. The father was a cooper by trade, and was married in Berks County, Pa., to Miss Elana Kayler, a native of Berks County, where she was reared. Some time in the '30s, Mr. McMullen emigrated to Ohio, settled in Circleville, and there followed his trade for many years. He died in 1854, when forty-five years of age, and his wife received her final summons in Circleville in 1874. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. The father's last words were, "Mother, keep the children together as long as possible." Both were highly respected in the community in which they lived and led the lives of honest, industrious citizens. Nine children were born to this couple, and two sisters and our subject reside in Circleville. Five of these children died in childhood and one brother died in 1868.

The original of this notice was the second in order of birth of the above-mentioned children and at an early age he was taken from school to assist his mother in making a living. When but eleven years of age he was employed to do odd jobs, and later, was in the match factory for two years, manufacturing matches by hand. After this, he was in a restaurant for three years, but he says, "Thanks to God, I never formed any bad habits." As time passed, he became convinced that the best thing he could do would be to learn a trade, and with the assistance of Mr. Glick he entered the shops of W. W. Beirce & Co. and continued with them eleven years in all. He became foreman of the shop and became thoroughly familiar with the business in all its details. After this, about 1870, with L. H. Hoffman, he started out in the tin roofing and heating business, bought out P. Kimmey, and they continued together for seventeen years, meeting with much success. Later, they started a branch store and ran this in partnership until the spring of 1889, when they dissolved partnership.

Our subject then started out for himself and has continued the business with surprising success ever since. He owns two large stores, two stories in height, with a frontage of fifty feet and extending backward one hundred and fifty feet. He also owns plumbing shop, warerooms, etc., and is one of the most popular plumbers in the city. His business is located on Main Street, between Court and Scioto Streets, and he employs ten men. He

does the city water tapping. Mr. McMullen resides on High Street and owns a comfortable brick residence erected in 1882. He also owns considerable real estate in Columbus.

In October, 1867, he married Miss Martha Flohr, a native of Pennsylvania, but who was reared in Hocking County, this State, and the fruits of this union were three children: Fannie, now Mrs. Howard, resides in Circleville; Grace, who graduated here in 1890 and is now attending the Wesleyan University at Delaware; and Le Roy, at home. Mr. McMullen was a member of the Council from 1884 to 1886, and was Chairman of the Public Grounds and Building Committee. He is a member of Columbia Lodge No. 32, I. O. O. F.; Pickaway Encampment, and was a delegate to the Grand Encampment three times. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a Trustee, and has been Class-leader for some time. In politics, he is a Democrat.

JOHN O. SIFRIT, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser of Paint Township, Madison County. He was born May 16, 1855, in Union Township, and is the youngest of three children whose parents were John and Melissa (Harper) Sifrit. Charlotte, the eldest, married John Gaib, a merchant of Columbus, and has five children; Martin Jasper resides in Paint Township and has four children.

The mother died when our subject was about two weeks old, and he went to live with his grandfather, James Sifrit. He was reared near his present farm and acquired a good education which was completed in the London High School. He possesses much musical talent and at the age of sixteen began teaching vocal music. On attaining his majority, he married Miss Oria Eachus, who was born in Union Township, this county, June 22, 1858, and is a daughter of John and Sarah (Hutson) Eachus.

The father of Mrs. Sifrit is manager of twelve hundred acres of the Buffenburg Farm. He was born near Richmond, Ind., October 4, 1829, and is a son of Abner R. and Elizabeth (Troxel) Eachus, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Pennsylvania. As children, they came to Madison County, and when first married went to Indiana, but afterward returned to this county. Their son, John W., grew to manhood in Paint Township, and when he started out in life for himself, began working by the month for cattle drovers. He was thus employed for three years. He was married, April 14, 1855, to Miss Sara, daughter of John K. and Hannah Hutson, and went to Franklin County, Ohio, where he operated a rented farm for four years. Since that time, he has been connected with the Buffenburg Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Eachus have a family of six children: Viola is the wife of Frank Mitchell, a dealer in horses of Philadelphia, and has one child; Mrs. Sifrit is the next younger; Jennie is the wife of Harry Barker, a commercial traveler residing in Cincinnati, and they have two children; John, Scott and Holton are still at home. Mr. Eachus cast his Presidential vote in 1852 with the Whig party and since the organization of the Republican party has been one of its stanch supporters. He is a highly-respected citizen of this community and a well-known farmer.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sifrit have been born five children: Grace, born August 25, 1877; Jay Russell, July 29, 1881; Scott O., August 30, 1883; Fay, February 16, 1886, and Glenn Emerson, August 4, 1889.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Sifrit has been a stanch Republican since he cast his first Presidential vote for R. B. Hayes. He has served as Township Trustee, and also as Assessor, and the duties of the offices were promptly and faithfully discharged. Since his marriage, he has resided in Paint Township, where he follows farming and has also operated a threshing-machine. About 1888, he turned his attention to the rasing of fine stock and has met with good success in this line. He has some registered stock of the pure blooded Holstein cattle. He operates two hundred and ten acres of land and the neat appearance of the place indicates the thrift and enterprise of a careful manager. Our subject may well be termed a self-made man,

for by his own efforts he has worked his way upward from a humble position until he is now classed among the substantial farmers of the community.

HENRY C. BLACKER. We herewith present the sketch of a prominent and well-to-do farmer and stock-raiser, whose home is located upon section 1, Circleville Township, Pickaway County. He was born in Frederick County, Va., November 24, 1822, and is the son of Joseph and Clarissa (Payne) Blacker, also natives of the Old Dominion. They emigrated to Ohio, January 1, 1833, and located on Round Prairie, Pickaway County. They later removed to Ross County, where the father died in 1838, when sixty-five years of age. He was a patriot in the War of 1812, and was always warmly interested in all measures which affected his community.

Henry Blacker, Sr., the grandfather of our subject, was born in Germany, and emigrated to the United States at an early day. He made his home in Virginia, where he became the owner of a large tract of land. The mother of our subject died in this county about 1854, and with her husband was a member of the Catholic Church. Henry C. Blacker, of this sketch, was the ninth in order of birth of the parental family of eleven children, five of whom are living. He was ten years of age when he accompanied his parents to Ohio, and therefore attended the common schools in Pickaway County. His advantages for obtaining an education were very limited, however, as his father died when he was fifteen years of age, and the care of the family thus fell upon his young shoulders. He carried on the home farm until his mother's death, when he moved into Jackson Township and rented a tract of land, which he operated for several years. He purchased his present property in 1861, moving hither a few years later.

Marion Bowsher became the wife of our subject in 1854. She was the daughter of Anthony Bowsher, he being born in Pennsylvania. He came here at a very early day, and entered the land upon which our subject makes his home. Mr. Bowsher died in 1865, and the mother about 1830. The thirteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Blacker bear the respective names of Missouri, Clarissa, Josephine, Sarah E., Seymour, John, Della, George, Mary, Nettie, Harry, and two who died in infancy.

The original of this sketch votes with the Democratic party. For five years he was a Director of the County Infirmary, and has otherwise been greatly interested in local affairs. Mrs. Blacker is a member in good standing of the Evangelical Church, in which body she is active in all good work. Our subject owns two hundred and eighty-seven and one-half acres of valuable land, ninety-four of which are located in Jackson Township. He has placed good and substantial buildings on his estate, not the least among which is a commodious residence. His place is well stocked with good grades of cattle and horses, which, in addition to his cereals, bring him in a fine income. His land is located in what is known as the Scioto Valley, which is of very rich soil. Mr. Blacker is self-made in the truest sense of the word, and his present high standing in the agricultural community has been brought about by his industry and persistence in right-doing.

WILLIAM TAGG, engineer in the Mt. Sterling Roller Mills, was born at Sherwood, in Nottinghamshire, England, January 1, 1840, and is a son of William and Anna (Williamson) Tagg. His maternal grandfather, William Williamson, was an Aide-de-Camp under Gen. Washington, and married the daughter of an Indian chief of the Cherokee Nation. He lived with the tribe until the chief for some reason became offended. He then fled to England with his wife, and our subject's mother was there reared and married.

William Tagg, whose name heads this record, was the youngest of six children, but the other five are all deceased. When he was about ten years old, his parents came to America, locating in

Clinton, Summit County, Ohio. They had been here but a short time when Squire John Brown, of Clinton, begged to have the boy to raise, and our subject grew to manhood with him on a large farm. Mr. Brown owns a steam mill, and at the age of fourteen our subject began working in the mill, where he learned much about steam machinery, and also supplemented his knowledge thus acquired by extensive reading on the subject. At the early age of fifteen, he was intrusted to run the engine. At the age of eighteen, he was married, Miss Sarah Barkhammer, of Summit County, Ohio, becoming his wife, September 15, 1858.

Mr. Tagg enlisted in Company K, Nineteenth Ohio Infantry, as Chief Bugler, August 28, 1861. He participated in the battles of Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, was with Sherman from Cleveland, Tenn., to Jonesboro, and participated in the battle of Atlanta. After three years and two months of service, he was honorably discharged, having proved a competent and faithful soldier, loyal to the cause under whose banner he enlisted.

After his return from the army, Mr. Tagg was employed in Doylestown, Ohio, for seven and a half years, as chief machinist in a steam saw and flour mill, after which he was employed for two and a half years in the machine shops of the same place, his work being to repair engines. In 1877, he removed to Lilly Chapel, where he ran a saw-mill for his mother. Three years were spent in that place, after which Mr. Tagg became a resident of Columbus, and traveled on the road, selling and putting up engines for the Columbus Machine Company. After a year he returned to Lilly Chapel, and again had charge of his mother's mill for several years. He then put in an engine for J. T. Walters, of Mt. Sterling, who employed him as engineer. While operating his mother's mill, he had purchased and set up several engines in the vicinity. He is one of the best skilled mechanics, especially in repairing steam engines, in this region. He has now been in the employ of Mr. Walters for two years, and his services have proved highly acceptable.

In politics, Mr. Tagg is a Republican, and is a prominent member of the Methodist Church. He was organist for several years at Lilly Chapel, and has also been a teacher in the Sunday-school. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' Society, has taken the Rebekah Degree, is a Master Mason, and a member of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America. He owns property in Lilly Chapel, including two houses and eight acres of land.

HON. HARRY M. DAUGHERTY, junior member of the law firm of Maynard & Daugherty, is a native of Fayette County, having been born in Washington C. H., January 26, 1860. He is a son of John H. and Jane A. Daugherty, the father being born in Zanesville, Ohio, and the mother in Washington C. H. Granfather Daugherty hailed from Ireland.

The original of this sketch has one brother, Mally S. Daugherty, who is at present residing in this city. The father died when Harry M. was a lad of four years, but his mother, who is still living, makes her home in Washington C. H. He of whom we write was given a good education in the schools of his native place and later attending the Michigan University, was graduated from the law department of that institution with the Class of '81. He immediately began the practice of his profession in this city and in 1881 formed a partnership with Col. H. B. Maynard. They have had a large and paying practice from the outset and have gained the esteem of the most eminent men in the State, who are proud to claim them as friends and associates.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, Micajah Draper, was one of the early settlers in this county and departed this life in 1889, leaving a comfortable fortune. He was a thoroughly honest and much-respected citizen and during his life held many offices of trust in this township, being keenly alive to matters of public importance. His business was that of a farmer and grain merchant, in which he was more than ordinarily successful.

Harry M. Daugherty is an active member of the Republican party, on which ticket he was elected Township Clerk in 1882 and a member of the City

Council two years later. He was a member of the State Central Committee for the years 1890 and 1891, also has served as Chairman and Secretary of the Republican Central and Executive Committee of the county and in 1889 was elected to the Legislature and re-elected to a second term in 1891. He was chairman of the famous caucas which organized the House of Representatives during the great Senatorial fight between Sherman and Foraker. He is serving at the present time as Chairman of the Committee on Corporations in the House and also as a member of numerous judiciary committees. He has acquired a wide-spread fame as a lawyer and is a man, who, unless the tension is made too tight, will find a work that will broaden as the years pass by.

In September, 1884, Miss Lucy M. Walker and our subject were united in marriage. Mrs. Daugherty was born in February, 1860, and by her union with our subject has become the mother of two children, Emily Belle and Draper M., aged respectively six and three years.

ALBERT W. WILSON. Madison County is the home of a large number of enterprising and progressive farmers whose estates add attractiveness to the landscape, being marked by first-class improvements, and the air of order and thrift which gives one unacqainted with farm life a good idea of the value of rural property. Canaan Township has her share of these well-regulated farms, one of which is owned by Albert W. Wilson, and comprises one thousand acres of finely cultivated land. Although young in years, he has good standing among those of his own calling and in all business circles is held in high repute.

Alexander Wilson, the father of our subject, was born in this county, February 22, 1831, and in 1854 married Miss Martha J. Millikin. He was one of the extensive land-owners in this section, having by industry and good business investments accumulated an estate of three thousand acres. The mother was the daughter of Daniel Millikin, and was born in 1829, in Washington County, Pa. Our subject was the youngest child in the parental family of four children, the others being Henry C., whose sketch will be found on another page of this work; Lavina, Mrs. William E. White; and Grant, who died in infancy.

The original of this sketch was born in Jefferson Township, January 17, 1871, and there resided until he attained his majority. He was given an excellent education, finishing his studies in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. When establishing a home of his own, Mr. Wilson was married, November 4, 1891, to Miss Winnie, daughter of Columbus and Mary Huddle. His place is adorned with first-class buildings of every description and he may be justly looked upon as one of the rising young business men of Madison County.

Elsewhere in this volume may be found a view of the attractive home of Mr. Wilson.

DR. DAVID H. VARIAN, who is engaged in the manufacture of various medicines in Mt. Sterling, was born March 22, 1828, in Gallia County, Ohio, and is a son of Lemuel W. and Roxana (Griffith) Varian, both natives of New York. In their childhood they had come to Ohio, where the father learned the cooper's trade. Immediately after their marriage they settled upon a farm and there our subject was born and reared, his time being passed in the usual manner of farmer lads. He acquired his education by attendance at the common schools during the winter season and in a select school in Porter, Ohio. At the age of twenty-one, he began teaching, and followed that profession for twelve years. During that time he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet C. Brown, the wedding being celebrated August 16, 1855.

Dr. Varian's next venture was in carpenter work and while thus engaged he began reading medicine and became interested in the part that the vegetable kingdom plays in this science. He became interested in this line, began experimenting in the use of plants as medicines, and from doctoring

THRESHING SCENE ON WILSON ESTATE.

TENANT HOUSE & HAYSHED.

"DARBY PLAINS FARM" RES. OF A. W. WILSON, CANAAN TP., MADISON CO., O.

his own family, his practice gradually extended to his neighbors. In 1879, he entered the drug trade in Coalton, Jackson County, and also began the manufacture of his medicines and doing office practice. Subsequently, he removed to Gallia County, where he remained for eighteen months. His labors resulted in the discovery of the Infallible Neuralgia Cure. He then compounded his famous Stomach Bitters for the stomach and liver and afterward his liniment for pain and inflammation. He also discovered the Prickly Ash and Wintergreen for chronic rheumatism. In September, 1891, Dr. Varian came to Mt. Sterling and established a manufactory for making his medicines. He prints all of his own bills, and is doing a good business, keeping several teams on the road. His discoveries have proved of great importance, as many would attest.

Unto Doctor and Mrs. Varian have been born the following children: Truman W., who was born in Porter, Ohio, June 29, 1856, inherited musical talent from both his parents. He became a pupil in Mount Union Conservatory of Music, and has great skill in this art. He has been connected with the Reform School in Lancaster, Ohio, as editor of the School *Journal*, having served an apprenticeship as a printer between the ages of thirteen and eighteen years. He was afterwards an officer and teacher in the Reform School in Topeka, Kan., for sixteen months and from there came to Mt. Sterling to take charge of his father's business. He was married October 17, 1880, to Miss Nora Graves, who died in Columbus, Ohio, in 1887, leaving two daughters, Edith and Annie. He was again married, January 1, 1890, his second union being with Anna Mithoff, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1864. The second child of the family, Wellman T., who is engaged in fruit growing in Stark County, is married and has one child. Mrs. Linne Hoffman resides in Dayton, Ohio. Everett E. B. is a book-keeper of Columbus, and Mrs. Harriet Redding makes her home in Oregon, N. M.

Dr. Varian is a Democrat in politics, having supported that party since he cast first vote in 1852. He has held various local offices, having served as Justice of the Peace, Township Trustee, Constable, and he was the first Mayor of Coalton, Ohio. Socially, he is a member of the Odd Fellows' society. He has a wide acquaintance in this community, although he has resided here but a short time, and is highly esteemed.

HENRY RUNKLE, who is of the oldest pioneer stock of Ohio, and was born in Perry County, May 29, 1828, has developed a valuable farm in Walnut Township that is well tilled, well drained and very productive, and has thus materially aided in advancing the growth of Pickaway County. Our subject is a son of Daniel Runkle, who came to Ohio with his parents, who were early settlers of Perry County, coming to this State from Virginia, where their son had been born in 1802. He grew up amid the wild scenes of frontier life in Perry County, and in the early days of the settlement of Pickaway County he came here to cast in his fortunes with the pioneers of this section, becoming one of the original settlers of Walnut Township. He took up a tract of new land, and by hard labor transformed it into a goodly farm, and here his long life was brought to a close in May, 1887, and thus departed one who had held an honorable rank among the pioneers who founded the county. His first wife, Elizabeth Kroninger, was a native of Pickaway County. After her death, he married again, and the following of his children survive: Henry, Abraham, Levi, Noah, George; Christina, wife of David Adkins; and Mary, wife of Solomon Yantis.

Henry Runkle had a full experience of pioneer life, with its privations and hardships, and with its compensations withal, during his boyhood, his growth being commensurate with the growth of his native township, in which he has always dwelt. As soon as large enough, he had to help his father fell the huge old forest trees that covered his land, and to prepare the soil for cultivation, and while yet quite young he became well posted in farming. He went to school in a log cabin, in which slabs served for seats, and a board placed on

wooden pins that were driven into the wall did duty as a writing-desk. In time; he became an independent farmer, and has placed his one hundred and fifty-two acres of land in a fine condition. He has erected a good class of buildings, has put in tiling for drainage to the value of $1,600 and has modern machinery for every needed purpose.

Our subject's wife, to whom he was married, September 15, 1853, has afforded him much assistance in the making of their cozy home, over which she presides with true hospitality. Her maiden name was Saloma Hall. She was born March 20, 1834, and is a sister of Peter Hall, of Madison Township, in whose biography mention is made of her parental history. These five of the seven children born to her and our subject are living: Alice, wife of Henry Hulse; Albert, David, William and Ephraim. Peter and Benjamin are dead.

Mr. Runkle is one of our self-made men, and all the property that he acquired is the result of his patient labors, seconded by thrifty management and the faculty of judging correctly. He is exemplary in his habits and conduct, acting in accordance with true Christian principles, and in him and his estimable wife the Lutheran Church has two of its most zealous members. His political sentiments he seems to have inherited in a degree from his father, and, like him, he stands firmly by the Democratic party.

EDWARD SMITH, one of the prominent and wealthy citizens of Pickaway County, resides in Circleville. He was born in County Down, Ireland, in September, 1826. His father, Patrick Smith, was a native of the same county, and about 1827 emigrated to Canada, locating in Toronto, where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1831. He married Rose Anna Mc Quinn, also a native of County Down, Ireland. After her husband's death, she supported her family, and by her carefnl training, cherished in her boys those habits of industry and self-reliance which became the basis of their fortune. In 1836, she married Bernard Riley, who was also a native of Ireland. He proved a true father to his stepsons, who remained with him until his death in 1850. In 1838, they removed to Lockport, N. Y., where they remained until June, 1840, and then came to Circleville, Mr. Riley engaging in farming. His wife made her home in this city until her death in 1877, at the age of seventy-six years. By her first marriage she had three children: Edward; Patrick, who died in Toronto; and Joseph P., who is represented elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Smith, of this sketch, attended school in Toronto until 1838, after which he worked in the shops on the Erie Canal, near Lockport, N. Y., and attended school in the winter. With the family he came to Circleville, and was employed on the farm of Thomas Huston for two years. He remained at home during the greater part of the time until his step-father's death. He was largely engaged in raising broom-corn and in general farming. Soon after Mr. Riley's death, in company with his brother, he purchased all his personal property at public sale, and then rented land of Thomas Huston, which they cultivated on shares for one season. In November, 1850, Mr. Smith went with the Eaton brothers, who were then engaged in iron mining, to Northern Michigan, taking with him four horses. He staid in the mines until February 1, 1851, when he sold his horses to his employers, and, with two other young men, started on snowshoes for the lower part of Green Bay. They camped out every night for a week, sleeping in snow dugouts, and on reaching Green Bay, walked on the ice to Green Bay City. Much of the remaining distance was accomplished by stage and rail from Michigan City. In the latter part of February, he reached Circleville, having been three weeks in making the trip. He then made arrangements to engage in farming with his brother. In the fall of 1851, George Chrysler, of Lockport, N. Y., came West to engage parties to raise broom-corn for him. He was referred to the Smith brothers, who entered into a contract to supply him with corn from two hundred acres of land. A farm of that size they rented, and the first crop amounted to over seventy tons. This was the be-

ginning of their successful career in the broom-corn business, which has not only brought wealth into the coffers of our subject, but has kept want from the door of many an industrious man. Since that time, the Smith brothers have planted each year from six hundred to eight hundred acres in broom-corn.

In February, 1855, in this city, Mr. Smith led to the marriage altar Miss Sarah A. Lynch, who was born near Gettysburg, Pa., and is a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Sharkey) Lynch, who came to Ohio in 1841. Her father was a native of the Emerald Isle, her mother of the Keystone State. Seven children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith, four of whom are yet living: Elizabeth; Joseph S., the most extensive breeder of thorough-bred horses in the county; and Edward E. and James I., who are engaged in the manufacture of corn-meal for export trade, their mill having a capacity of two hundred and fifty barrels daily.

In connection with his other business, Mr. Smith is interested in mining in Colorado. He is a Director of the Emmett Mine in Leadville, and also of the Ohio Mining Company in Georgetown, Colo. His landed possessions now aggregate twelve hundred acres, and, with the exception of a quarter-section, all is situated within, or adjoins the corporation limits, of Circleville. The land is all improved with fine buildings, and the income derived therefrom makes Mr. Smith one of the substantial citizens of the community. He also owns considerable real estate in the city, including a half-interest in the Lynch & Smith Block, and a half-interest in the Pickaway House. His own residence was built in 1862. It is a commodious and elegant frame dwelling, and the grounds, beautifully laid out and adorned with evergreens, are hardly to be surpassed. He has done much for the upbuilding of the city and county, was the largest stockholder from Pickaway County in the Scioto Valley Railroad Company, in which he served as a Director, and it was through his influence that the road was secured. He is a Director in the First National Bank, and a stockholder in the Third National Bank.

In politics, Mr. Smith was a Whig, then supported the Republican party from the time of Lincoln to Grant's second term. In 1872, he voted for Horace Greeley, and since that time has been a Democrat. He has served three terms as Township Clerk, and has been a member of the City Council from the Third Ward continuously since 1872. He was President of the Council for more than twelve years, and is its oldest member. He has been a leading member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, has contributed liberally to its support, and donated the grounds upon which the house of worship was erected. His success in life has been most marked, and has all been acquired through his own efforts, for which he certainly deserves much credit.

SAMUEL C. ROBERTS, M. D. Prominent among the physicians and surgeons of Washington C. H., is this gentleman, who has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in Fayette County for the past twenty years, although he has resided in this city only ten years of the time. He is well known as a member of the United States Examining Pension Board, having been appointed to that position under President Harrison. In the Fayette County Medical Society, his opinion has considerable weight, and his influence is ever in behalf of the advancement of the profession which he ably represents.

In 1688, about the period of the English Revolution, three brothers, John, Henry and James Roberts, emigrated from South Wales to the Colony of Virginia, and the son of the first-named brother, William by name, was the great-grandfather of our subject. The sixth of his eight sons was William, who was born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1762, and was a cousin of Gen. Andrew Jackson. During the war for American Independence, he enlisted in the service of the Colonies, and at the close of the war held a Captain's commission. He married Miss Hannah Fink, and their marriage certificate, dated March 26, 1787, is now in the possession of our subject, a highly-prized heirloom.

Grandfather Roberts and his wife removed to

Ross County, Ohio, in 1798, and located twelve miles east of Chillicothe, on the Kinnickinnick Creek, entering a farm from the Government and there remaining until 1835, when both passed away from earth. Their children numbered twelve, and the tenth child was Isaac, who was born on the old homestead September 3, 1804. He was married to Mercy Chedister December 22, 1825, and unto them were born thirteen children, three of whom died in infancy. S. C. of this sketch was the third child, and was born August 31, 1832; the others are: William E., Wilmeth A. Barnes, Margaret, Harriet E., Anna M. Miller, Jacob U., James D., Isaac A, and Laura J.

Our subject was born in Colerain Township, Ross County, Ohio, August 31, 1832. He received a common-school education, after which he continued his literary studies alone. He read medicine for five years with Dr. James D. Miller, formerly of Bainbridge, now of Chillicothe, and afterward took two courses of medical lectures at the Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio, graduating with the highest honors February 17, 1853. In the fall of the same year, he located at Sinking Spring, Highland County, Ohio, where he remained until April, 1855, and then removed to Bainbridge, Ross County. In that place he continued his practice until 1871, when he removed to a farm in Concord Township, Fayette County, which was unimproved at the time of purchase and on which he spent $20,000 in improvements. At that beautiful place, surrounded by every comfort that conduces to the pleasures of life, he resided for ten years, meanwhile devoting his attention to his practice.

In raising blooded stock, Dr. Roberts became greatly interested, and especially in Short-horn cattle. He sold a heifer for $1,500, which was the highest price that had up to that time been paid for a yearling heifer in the State of Ohio. He was also interested in imported Berkshire hogs, and his were among the finest ever brought to Fayette County. Thus he not only made a profitable speculation for himself, but greatly improved the general stock of the county. In 1882, he sold the farm and came to Washington C. H., where he has been in active practice ever since, retaining his practice in the neighborhood of his former residence, besides gaining a large number of patients in the city. It is said that he made the largest broom-corn sale ever made at one time, selling one hundred tons for $15,000 at one sale in 1874. He has an elegant brick residence on the corner of Market and Lewis Streets and Columbia Avenue, and also owns the fine brick house on the adjoining lot.

Soon after he graduated from Starling Medical College, Dr. Roberts was married, May 10, 1853, to Miss Mary E. Bowen, of Bainbridge, this State, and the happy wedded life was terminated July 4, 1877, when the devoted wife passed from earth. The six children who survived her were as follows: Anna M., born April 16, 1854; Charles L., January 23, 1860; Frank K., April 8, 1864; John I., born December 4, 1866 and died April 1, 1883; Margaret A., born September 18, 1869; and Samuel C., March 31, 1872. The eldest daughter, Anna M., died March 29, 1881, after a lingering illness from consumption. She was a highly cultivated lady and had unusual talent as an artist, besides having received a collegiate education at Delaware, Ohio. Every room in the beautiful home bears indications of her artistic skill, and her memory is almost worshipped by her father.

The second marriage of Dr. Roberts united him with Miss Mary E., daughter of Elihu Hogan, of Lexington, Ky. Her father was a man of prominence in the Blue Grass State, was Mayor of Lexington and represented his district in both the House and Senate. Mrs. Roberts was born in Lexington, June 2, 1845, and received her education in Lexington and in New Orleans, whither her father had removed. The members of the family are attendants at, and supporters of, the Presbyterian Church, with which Mrs. Roberts and Miss Maggie are identified.

WASHINGTON T. HEWITT is the senior member of the firm of Hewitt Bros., of Midway, Madison County, dealers in general merchandise. He embarked in business in this line in the spring of 1867, and has since carried

on operations as a general merchant. His brother became a member of the firm in 1871. They are doing a good business, which has constantly increased from the beginning, their fair dealing and courteous treatment of their customers having won them a liberal patronage.

Mr. Hewitt was born near New Petersburgh, Highland County, Ohio, March 16, 1840, and is a son of Addison P. and Hettie (Taylor) Hewitt. His father was a farmer, and removed to Franklin County, near Shadesville, Ohio, when our subject was about fifteen years old. The father was a prosperous farmer, but in 1840 met with financial reverses, resulting from the panic of 1837. He was a well-read man, and prominent, and took an active part in the Methodist Church. He gave liberally to its support, and to other philanthropic enterprises. In politics, he was a Republican. The family numbered ten children, one of whom died at the age of seven years. The others are all yet living, and are doing well in life. There is but one sister, Mrs. Mary Deckart, of Commercial Point, who has one son and four daughters. William L. is a farmer residing near Darbyville; Daniel D. follows farming near Darbyville; Henry H. is a school teacher of California; Washington is the next younger; Addison P. is a partner of our subject, and resides in Midway; James Q. is a farmer of Pickaway County; Andrew A., twin brother, to James, is a dealer in agricultural implements in Mt. Sterling, and Allen O. is a machinist at Cincinnati.

Our subject acquired a good education, and was reared on his father's farm. In the spring of 1865, he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry, and served as guard at Martinsburgh, Va., White House Landing and City Point. He was in the hospital on account of a sun-stroke received at Bermuda Hundred. In the fall he received his discharge and returned home; but for two years was unable to engage in manual labor, on account of ill health. He weighed only seventy-two pounds when he returned from the army. He then engaged in the fire-insurance business, which gave him a chance to travel, and benefited his health so that he afterwards weighed two hundred pounds. For two years he was an insurance agent, and then embarked in his present business.

Mr. Hewitt was married on the 30th of March, 1871, Miss Louisa M. Groves becoming his wife. She was born in Piqua, Ohio, March 2, 1848, and is a daughter of William D. and Ellen (Minshall) Groves. Three children have been born unto them: Carl, born in 1877; Frank, born in 1880 and Palmer, born on the 7th of February, 1882. All were born in Midway. The family holds a high position in social circles, and are esteemed citizens of the community. Mr. Hewitt has been a stalwart Republican since he cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has served as a delegate to the county and congressional conventions, has been Corporation Treasurer, a member of the School Board, and served on the Council. He is a prominent Mason, having taken the Thirty-second Degree.

MARTIN M. SLAUGHTER was born in Stokes Township, Madison County, August 21, 1861, and devotes his entire time and attention to the cultivation of the soil, raising thoroughbred roadsters. He possesses those qualifications of the mind which are essential to success in business, and is recognized as a man of ability, who occupies a high place in the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

The parents of our subject, Reuben and Matilda (Denton) Slaughter, were natives, respectively, of Highland and Madison Counties, this State. The husband and father departed this life in June, 1882, leaving a family, of whom we make the following mention: John, the eldest, died at the age of twenty years; Reuben is a farmer and makes his home in Stokes Township, Madison County; Drucilla passed to the land beyond in her fifteenth year; James also is living in Stokes Township; Martin M., of this sketch, is the next in order of birth, and Sydney married D. C. Badger, a lawyer of London.

Martin M. Slaughter was reared on the home farm and began doing for himself upon reaching

his majority, by operating a farm and investing in stock. June 5, 1889, he was married to Miss Mary P. Pancake, of Stokes Township, where her birth occurred, January 5, 1870. Mrs. Slaughter was the daughter of John and Ceralda (Paullin) Pancake, a most estimable lady, who has borne her husband one daughter, Jessie Hannah, who was born March 13, 1890. Soon after his marriage, our subject located on the farm which is his present abiding-place, and erected a residence which cost $3,000. His estate comprises two hundred and eighty acres, which he has under thorough cultivation, and which ranks among the best to be found in the township, and sixty acres in Stokes Township. He engages quite extensively in breeding stock, and in all that he undertakes shows qualities of perseverance and determination which insure him success. Politically, he is a stanch Democrat, casting his first Presidential vote for Cleveland, in 1884. He has been sent as a delegate to county conventions, and is quite influential in the ranks of his party in this portion of the State.

ANDREW ROBINSON BOLIN is recognized as one of the leading members of the Pickaway County Bar. He resides in Circleville, where he has engaged in the practice of law since 1873. He was born in this city in 1849. The Bolin family is of French-Irish descent, and the name was changed from Boleyn to Bolen and afterward the present form was assumed. The grandfather of our subject, John Bolin, was a native of Ireland and emigrated to Martinsburgh, Va., in the early part of the present century. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and died at Norfolk, Va., while in the service.

John Bolin, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Martinsburgh, Va., in 1807, learned the carpenter's trade in his native State, and for some years before he went West was an overseer on his uncle's plantation. He wedded Mary A. Brannon, who was born in Martinsburgh in 1809. Her parents died when she was quite small and she was reared by an uncle. About a year after his marriage, Mr. Bolin brought his wife to Ohio, in 1834. His mother came a few years later and made her home with him until her death. He first settled in Jackson Township and afterward located in Circleville, where he engaged in contracting and building. Subsequently, he operated a farm in Monroe Township and later engaged in hotel-keeping. About 1875, he removed to Harrisburgh, Franklin County, where he purchased and carried on an hotel until his death in 1887. He was a Democrat and took an active interest in political affairs but did not aspire to office. His wife passed away in 1862. They had a family of seven children. William E., who died June 28, 1890, was a prominent farmer and grain dealer. He served as County Sheriff two terms, was a Director of the County Infirmary several years, was Mayor of the city, and Superintendent of the water-works. He was a very prominent and public-spirited man who bore a leading part in the upbuilding of the community. James R. died in Columbus in 1890; Mrs. Emily E. Hazwell resides in Circleville; Mary and Susan are both deceased; George W. is a veterinary surgeon of Washington, Ind. Our subject completes the family. He began life for himself at the age of twelve years, and being ambitious to secure an education, bent all his energies in that direction. He completed the public-school course of Circleville at the age of seventeen, after which he engaged in teaching for a short time and in 1867, at the age of twenty, entered Miami University at Oxford, from which he was graduated in 1871 with the degree of A. B., carrying off the honors of the Class. The institution has since conferred upon him the degree of A. M.

On the 8th of April, 1875, Mr. Bolin married Miss Sophronia Rector, daughter of Edward and Sophronia (Blodgett) Rector. Her father was a nephew of Edward Tiffin, the first Governor of Ohio, whom he much resembled. By his uncle, he was brought from Virginia to Ohio in 1798, at which time there were but three cabins in Chillicothe. He became one of the earliest and most respected pioneers of Pickaway County and a large land-owner. The lady whom he married came to the county from Plymouth, N. H., in 1837, to engage in school teaching. Three children have been

born unto Mr. and Mrs. Bolin: Stuart, born in 1878; Nellie, who died in July, 1888, at the age of four years; Mabel, born in 1889.

Mr. Bolin chose the law as a profession and studied in the office of Judge Joseph Olds, now of Columbus, also of Henry F. Page, and in October, 1872, entered the Cincinnati Law School, from which he was graduated in 1873, with the degree of LL. B. He immediately began practice in Circleville among the friends of his early life who knew his integrity and natural ability. He was not long in attaining prominence, and his practice has since extended to the adjoining counties and to the Supreme Court of the United States. He figured prominently in the Thomas Brown will case, in which he sustained the will, covering $300,000 worth of property, and the famous McArthur will case, in which was engaged a large array of the leading talent of the State. He was also on the case of Bond *versus* Renick, and has been successful on many important criminal cases.

Mr. Bolin was candidate of his district for Presidential Elector in 1880, on the Hancock ticket. In 1888, he was chosen by the Democratic party to make the race for Congress against Gen. R. P. Kennedy. At the previous election the Republican majority was four thousand and twenty-five, but Mr. Bolin cut it down to thirty-two hundred and seventy, his great personal popularity winning him many votes. He has been an indefatigable worker for his party and in 1888 canvassed Indiana as well as his own State, making fifty speeches in all. Mr. Bolin has been President of the Board of City School Examiners for the greater part of the time during seventeen years. He is Past Master of the Blue Lodge, High Priest of the Chapter, and Eminent Commander of the Sciota Commandery, K. T., of Circleville, and has been delegate and representative to the Grand Lodge. His wife, a most estimable lady, is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

As a lawyer, Mr. Bolin is diligent and careful in the preparation of his cases, but his peculiar strength lies in his power of argument, his keen perception and fluent use of language. He possesses to a great degree natural grace and refinement of disposition. He is affable and pleasant, but never compromises his dignity as a gentleman. He is also an excellent conversationalist, well informed on all topics of general interest, and therefore popular.

DR. J. G. SMITH. Although young in years, our subject has every prospect of becoming one of the foremost professional men of Pickaway County, for he has won quite a reputation already as a practitioner of the "healing art." He possesses advanced ideas and progressive principles regarding his profession, and is gifted with a full share of the sterling characteristics of the native Kentuckian.

Our subject's birth occurred in Elizabethtown, Hardin County, Ky., on the 12th of January, 1866, and he was the eldest of three children born to Albertus and Mary E. (Gardner) Smith. Grandfather Jacob G. Smith, after whom our subject was named, was born in Hagerstown, Md., and was a shoemaker by trade. He left his native State and crossed the mountains on foot to Ohio, where he followed his trade for many years. He died in 1891, when seventy-four years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Smith, is still living and makes her home with our subject. The grandfather was a quiet, unassuming man, and strictly temperate. His ancestors came from Germany to Virginia and thence to Maryland. Our subject's maternal grandfather, the Hon. George H. Gardner, was born in the Blue Grass State, but came from Virginia stock. He was a well-to-do pioneer of Kentucky and held many prominent positions in that State. He was a member of the State Legislature, was also Sheriff and Judge, and he died there, one of the most prominent men of the county. He was a strong Presbyterian in his religious views.

Albertus Smith, father of our subject, was born in Circleville, Ohio, and learned the harness-maker's trade in Kentucky. He remained with an uncle from the age of fifteen until twenty-one, and then started in the harness-making business for himself, continuing this until 1870. During

the trouble between the North and South, he was a strong Union man, and, as a consequence, he sold out and returned to Circleville, Ohio. After reaching this city, he embarked in merchandising and has been in business here since. In 1880, he engaged in the grocery business, continued this for eight years, and then returned to the harness business. He married Miss Gardner, a native of Elizabethtown, Ky., and three children blessed this union: our subject; Mary E., at home, and Sarah J. Both the father and mother are members of the Methodist Church.

Dr. J. G. Smith remained in his native State until four years of age and then came with his parents to Circleville, Ohio, where he received his literary education. He left the High School when in the junior year to assist his father in the grocery business, and continued to assist him in this until he sold out his stock. His father wanted him to study law, but our subject was of a different opinion, and when about the age of twenty-one, he began the study of medicine under Dr. Ralph Morden, with whom he continued until the fall of 1888. He then entered the University of Michigan, Homeopathy department of medicine, and after remaining there two years, or until 1890, entered the Chicago Homeopathy College, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1891. He then returned to Circleville, began practicing his profession, and has met with much success. He is independent in his political views.

HON. DANIEL J. MYERS. Throughout Southern Ohio, a prominent place in business and political circles is held by the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch and whose labors as Probate Judge showed the possession of erudition and great ability. He is known and honored, not only in Circleville, where he resides, but also in other cities of the State.

A brief account of the parentage and lineage of Judge Myers will be of interest to the reader. His father, Daniel Myers, was born in Green Township, Ross County, Ohio, of which Grandfather Myers, a native of Pennsylvania, was one of the earliest settlers and a pioneer farmer, who also engaged in flat-boating down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans. Grandfather Myers became ill with the fever at Natchez, and there died. Daniel Myers was reared and married in Green Township, where he afterward operated over two hundred acres of farming land. In 1876, he rented his place and located on a tract of land, eleven acres in extent, adjoining the city of Circleville, where he now conducts a fruit and garden business. He owns sixty acres in the Scioto Valley and is in comfortable circumstances.

For six years, Daniel Myers served as Director of the County Infirmary, for two terms was Vice-president of that institution, and has always been prominent in public affairs. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in his religious connections is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Julia Foust, was born in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County. Her father, Christian Foust, was born in Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Salt Creek Township at an early day and was proprietor of an hotel on the Zanesville and Maysville Pike. Mrs. Julia Myers died in Green Township, in 1870, leaving six children, as follows: Mary, George, Missouri, Daniel J, Ella, and Isaac Newton, who died in Ross County, in 1875, at the age of eighteen years.

Born in Green Township, Ross County, July 3, 1851, our subject was reared on the home farm and received the advantages of a common-school education. In 1868, he entered Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, where he attended until the commencement of the junior year, and then, ceasing his literary studies, entered the office of the Chillicothe *Advertiser*, continuing there until 1874. His health failing, he was advised by his physician to change his business, and accordingly came to Circleville, in March, 1874, where he and his brother George opened a meat market. In 1881, he sold out and embarked in the clothing business with Robert P. Hain, as his partner, the firm name being Hain & Myers. Two years later, the connec-

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tion was dissolved and our subject and his brother George bought the entire stock, the former assuming the management of the business.

The peculiar fitness of our subject for official positions was recognized by his fellow-citizens and he was nominated by the Republicans for Mayor in the spring of 1887. Although the city had a Democratic majority of about four hundred, he lacked only four votes of being elected, a fact which, of itself, is a sufficient indication of his popularity. In the fall of 1887, he was elected Probate Judge by a majority of two hundred and sixty-six votes against a regular Democratic majority of nearly twelve hundred, running ahead of his ticket more than fourteen hundred. He assumed the duties of the office February 9, 1888, and during his incumbency of the position moved into the elegant new Probate rooms. At the expiration of his term, February 9, 1891, he declined a renomination and withdrew from the position which he had honored by his faithful discharge of duties and judicious decisions.

E. J. LILLY, M. D., D. D. S., is engaged in the practice of dentistry in Circleville, and has won an enviable reputation for the careful, skillful manner in which he performs all operations. He is well provided with every new appliance for making the extraction of teeth as easy and painless as possible, also preserves the natural teeth and fills them, and likewise makes artificial teeth on gold, silver or platina plates, and always guarantees to give perfect satisfaction. He stands at the head in his profession, is well read and well posted on all subjects relating to it, as the contributions from his pen to dental literature testify; but although he has the M. D. degree he has never practiced medicine as a specialty.

The Doctor was born in Circleville, Ohio, on the 1st of January, 1858, and the people have had every chance to judge of his character and qualifications, for here he was reared. His father, Dr. W. R. Lilly, was a native of Pickaway County, Ohio, and a graduate of the Cincinnati Dental College. When a young man, he came to Circleville, and, both here and throughout the State, stood high in his profession, which he followed until his death at the family home, June 7, 1892. He was always highly respected for his many estimable qualities and his upright character, which won him many friends. In politics, he was a Republican, and during the late war enlisted in the State troops, taking part in the capture of the celebrated Gen. Morgan, during his raid in Ohio.

Mary E. Robbins, as the mother of our subject was known in maidenhood, was born in Pickaway County and is the daughter of Matthias Robbins, a native of the Keystone State. During the War of 1812, Mr. Robbins served valiantly in defense of the United States, but by occupation was a farmer. Mrs. Robbins is still living and has attained the great age of more than one hundred years. Mrs. Lilly is a devoted member of the Methodist Church, to which her husband also belonged. Of their eight children, six are now living, our subject being the third. John is a physician in Toledo, Ohio; and Robert F., who was graduated from the Circleville High School at the age of seventeen, is also a graduate of the Cincinnati Dental College, in the Class of '92.

At a very early age, our subject evinced a strong love for the profession he is now successfully following, and assisted his father when but a boy. He extracted teeth when he had to stand on a chair to do it, and in that way had a fair knowledge of the profession before he adopted it. For some time he studied under his father, and afterward carried on his studies in the Cincinnati Dental College, which he entered in 1877. During the following year, he became a student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was graduated from the department of dentistry in 1879, with the degree of D. D. S.

During the fall of 1879, the young doctor entered the Starling Medical College, of Columbus, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in the following year. Subsequently, he practiced dentistry with his father for a few years, or until 1882, when he opened his present office. His dental parlors and operating rooms are ele-

gantly furnished and contain every facility for carrying on work in the most convenient and successful manner. As a dentist, his reputation is of the highest order; as a citizen, he is highly regarded for his sterling worth; and as a friend, those who know him can best appreciate his noble qualities of heart and mind.

At Circleville, Dr. Lilly and Miss Ada Vernon were united in marriage. Mrs. Lilly was born in this city, where for many years her father, the late Dr. L. C. Vernon, was a prominent physician. There have been born unto them two children, Harel and Stuart, and the family is comfortably domiciled in a pleasant residence on Union Street. Socially, the Doctor is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Elks. In politics, he affiliates with the Republican party, believing its principles best adapted to the national progress. He holds membership in the Methodist Church and contributes liberally to its support, as he does to all laudable enterprises.

NEHEMIAH NEDDS, a retired farmer, residing in London, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., September 6, 1832, into the home of Jacob and Margaret (Miller) Nedds, who were also natives of Pennsylvania. In 1838, they came to Ohio, and for a time the father was engaged in farming at Columbus, in Franklin County. Later, he went to Indiana, and was similarly employed in that State. He subsequently returned to Ohio, and the remainder of his life was spent at his occupation at Dayton. He and his good wife were among the foremost members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was Trustee several years. Politically, he was a Democrat, as was his father before him. He served with valor in the War of 1812 as Lieutenant of his regiment. Of his eleven children, three are living: Mrs. Elizabeth Webster, of Franklin County; Mrs. Mary Reed, also of that county; and our subject. Their paternal grandfather, Godlip Nebbs, was born in Germany. He came to America early in life, and lived thereafter in Pennsylvania until his death, following the trade of a hatter. He and his wife reared a family of some six children to goodly lives. He belonged to the German Reformed Church, and was strict in religious matters.

Nehemiah Nedds, to whom these lines refer, was a small boy when his parents came to Ohio, and his life for some years thereafter was passed on a farm in Franklin County, where he obtained his education. He remained an inmate of the parental household until he was nineteen years old, and he then began his independent career. He tried wagon-making first, but did not like that trade, nor was he any better pleased with the weaving and coloring business to which he next turned his attention. The calling of a farmer, to which he had been reared, and in which he had had a good training, better suited his tastes, and for some four years after abandoning weaving, he worked as a farm hand by the month. By that time, he had made a good start, and, desirous of establishing a home of his own, he was married to Miss Rhoda Roderick, of Madison County, daughter of Ludwick and Rebecca (King) Roderick, who were natives of Maryland and early settlers of this county. In his wife, our subject has found a capable helpmate and a cheerful companion, who has greatly aided him in securing the competency that is the fruit of their early labors. They have two children living: Milton W., an engineer; and Albert T., a painter.

After his marriage, our subject continued to work as a farm hand for some ten years in Madison County, and then for a like number of years he rented farms. He subsequently purchased twenty acres of land in Union Township, erected suitable buildings, and lived on the same some six years, adding to it in the meantime by buying other land until he had quite a good-sized farm, with well-tilled fields and substantial improvements. At the end of six years, he removed to London, having bought four lots located on West High Street, on which he built a neat and well-planned residence, which he has since made his home. He is a man of solid worth, who is looked up to by his fellow-citizens in the city and township, where he is well known. He and his wife are consistent Christians, their daily lives showing the value of their religious

professions, and in them the Methodist Episcopal Church has two of its most efficient working members. He was a Class-leader for several years and Sunday-school Superintendent for a time. Politically, he is a Republican of the true stamp.

JAMES FRYBACK. Among the representative men of this county, none are more favorably known or more highly respected than the above-mentioned gentleman. His prominence arises from personal worth, which the public are not slow in recognizing, as well as from distinguished family connections, for he represents one of the oldest families in the county. A native of Pickaway County, Ohio, born in Pickaway Township on the 20th of January, 1834, he is the son of John and Letitia (Emerson) Fryback, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. The grandfather, George Fryback, was a native of Germany and was left an orphan at a tender age. He and his brother crossed the ocean to America and both served in the Revolutionary War, the former enlisting when sixteen years of age. After the war, they returned to Pennsylvania, but later, George Fryback moved to Maryland, where he remained until about 1797. In the spring of that year, he came on horseback to Ohio, settled in Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, and raised some corn and put up some hay. He then returned to Maryland for his family, and in the fall came back to Pickaway Township, settling on three hundred and twenty acres of new land on the Congo Creek. He erected a rude log house and immediately began improving his farm. He was a hard-working, industrious man, and died in December, 1833.

John Fryback was born in the year 1788, and was nine years of age when he came with his parents to Ohio. He received a common-school education and remained under the parental roof until the breaking out of the War of 1812, when he enlisted to fight the British and Indians. He served as Sergeant in a rifle company until the close of the war and then returned to his home in Ohio. He was a great hunter and was considered a fine shot, even in those days when all had a use for the gun and when there were very few poor marksmen. Our subject now owns the gun used by his father and grandfather. The latter built the old brick house which is now the oldest brick building in the county. It is quite a large house now and must have been considered very fine in its day. The father of our subject followed farming and trading in cattle for many years, and was very successful in both pursuits. He owned six hundred and forty acres of land near Circleville, also other tracts in different portions of the county, and gave each of his eleven children a good start. He was a stout, fine looking man, and about six feet, one inch in height, and his death, which occurred in 1876, was caused partly by a fall, when he sprained his hip. He was a great horseback rider and delighted in this exercise. He was a liberal supporter of all enterprises of a worthy nature, assisted in building churches and was active in all good work. He was an old-line Whig in politics, but was not radical in his views. His wife, who was also a member of the Presbyterian Church, died when seventy-seven years of age. Eleven of their twelve children grew to mature years, and seven are living at the present time.

James Fryback, the youngest son and tenth child, was early trained to assist on the farm, and his youthful days were passed in cultivating the soil and in attending the log schoolhouse, where he sat on a slab seat, used a quill pen, and warmed himself at the immense fireplace. Later, a brick schoolhouse took the place of the primitive log cabin, and gradually other improvements were made. Young Fryback attended the winter terms principally, for there was plenty of work on the farm during the summer months, and when seventeen years of age he entered Kingston Academy, and remained there for two years. Returning home, he remained there until twenty years of age and then went to Indiana, where he passed a year or two, engaged in cultivating the soil. In 1865, he bought two hundred and forty-five acres of land, part of the old home place, and there engaged in farming and in the stock business. He raised a fine grade of cattle and was quite actively engaged in

buying, selling and feeding stock. Seeing the need of more land, he bought eighty-five acres near Hayesville, and also improved sixty-eight and one-half acres in South Pickaway County. He has a fine farm, has it well improved, and is one of the substantial and prosperous men of the county. In 1889, he rented his farm and has since resided in Circleville. He takes a deep interest in all public enterprises and is one of the many public-spirited citizens of the county. He has found a great many Indian relics on his farm, which is a historical spot in Ohio, the Indian Chief, Cornstock, having had his village on this place many years ago. There is also a noted Indian spring on the farm, and in clearing around this spring seven gun barrels were found. Mr. Fryback has a large barn on his farm and a wind-pump, as well as other improvements of like character. Grandfather Fryback bought apple seed, planted it, and thus had an orchard, but not a tree is left at the present time.

Our subject was married on the 28th of September, 1875, to Miss Mary W. Sharp, daughter of John Denny Sharp, a native of Ross County, Ohio, born in 1803. Grandfather John Sharp, a Virginian, married a Miss Denny, a distant relative of Maj.-Gen. Denny. He came to Chillicothe at a very early day and settled in that city, or rather place, when there was but one house beside his own. He kept store and traded with the Indians, trusted them at first but found it did not pay, and later went on a farm. His father, Gen. Sharp, who was of Irish descent, was an officer in the Revolutionary War under Washington. His wife was a Taylor, a relative of Zachary Taylor, and of Scotch descent. Grandfather Sharp located in Pickaway Township, this county, in 1803, on three hundred and twenty acres of wild land, and was in the War of 1812. He was a Presbyterian in his religious views and lived to be sixty-six years of age. The father of Mrs. Fryback was a farmer on the old home place of three hundred and twenty acres in Ross County, and later he added enough to the original tract to make three hundred and forty-five acres. He was a Republican in his political views, and a Presbyterian in religious matters, and was an Elder in his church. He died on the 26th of December, 1891, and his mind was clear and vigorous to the last. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Corwin, was born in Pike County, Ohio, and the daughter of Samuel Corwin, who was a native of the Keystone State but an early settler of Pike County, Ohio, and of English descent. He owned a good farm here and in the West, and was a prosperous man. Mrs. Fryback's mother died in 1843. They were the parents of four children, three of whom grew to mature years, our subject's wife being third in order of birth. She was born in Pickaway Township, this county, and when fifteen years of age entered Marysville Academy at Marysville, Ohio, and remained there two years. She had two brothers in the army. Corwin enlisted in the Seventy-third Ohio Infantry in 1862 and served until the close of the war. He was wounded at Resaca. The other brother, John Taylor, was also in the same company, and now resides on the old place. Mrs. Fryback began teaching school when sixteen years of age, three years in one district, seven in another and all in sight of her father's home. To our subject and wife have been born two children: Letitia E. and Sue. Mrs. Fryback has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for a number of years, and she is a member of Groce Post, W. R. C. Mr. Fryback is a Republican in his political principles.

HUGH SNIDER, whose life sketch we now present to our readers, resides in Union Township, Fayette County, and is the son of William Snider, who came to this State with his parents from Virginia, in which State he was born in 1805, while his parents were on the journey. For fifty years the father of our subject pursued the work of a drover and trader, and in those early days used to drive stock across the mountains. He was for many years one of the most extensive drovers, and is now the oldest trader, in that line, in Fayette County.

The mother of our subject was Margaret, daughter of Hazard Hopkins, and she became the mother of six children, all but one of whom grew to man's

and woman's estate. Those who are living are Sarah, now the widow of John Davis; Elizabeth, wife of G. W. Taylor, a Kansas farmer; Henry C., who is at Dayton in the Soldiers' Home, and who served his country faithfully during the War of the Rebellion, and our subject.

Hugh Snider was born April 16, 1832, on Paint Creek, five miles from Washington C. H., and there had his early training and education, studying in the district schools of Wayne Township. He worked with his father until after he was twenty years of age, and was married November 28, 1852, to Rebecca, daughter of William and Elizabeth Marchant. Mr. Marchant was a farmer and blacksmith in Fayette County, and came here among the early settlers.

The young couple passed a year on the old homestead and then came to the farm which they now occupy and which was purchased by the young man of his father. But little of it was then cleared but now it is all in a good state of cultivation. His spade turned the first soil that was ever turned on Pone Creek, and he has spent all his life in putting in excellent condition the farm that he bought when a young man. When he first settled here, he lived in a log house that had an old log fireplace, which took firewood so large that the young man used to drive his horse into the house to roll the log onto the fire, a log so large that it would last several days.

John Rowe, Abraham McCoy and our subject are the only ones of the old settlers now living in the neighborhood. In the early days they found abundant opportunities for kindly interchange of work, and Mr. Snider says that he has sometimes gone every day for two weeks, helping his neighbors to roll logs. In 1873, Mr. Snider pulled down his log house and put in its place a handsome and substantial brick residence, adding an excellent barn also to his farm. His only child, Clara, is the wife of Frank Lidy, who is in the oil business in Washington C. H., and is an enterprising and successful young man.

Mr. Snider has his farm in a fine condition and all the barns and outbuildings are creditable to his taste and good judgment. His crops are principally in grain and he also raises some stock. In his political views, he is in sympathy with the Republican party and in the early days was a Whig. In former times he was a School Director, but aside from that has not cared for official position and has not taken an active part in politics.

IN. BEATTY. Among the prominent and representative farmers and stock-raisers of Perry Township, Pickaway County, we are glad to present to our many readers the life history of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was born in this county, April 18, 1821, and is a son of James and Margaret (Gibson) Beatty. The father was a native of Virginia and removed to Ohio in 1818, and located in Fayette County, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

The subject of this sketch is the eldest of five children born to his worthy parents. The family comes of a long-lived race who were strong and robust, the grandfather, Charles Beatty, being eighty-two years old at the time of his death. Our subject has been a resident of Fayette and Pickaaway Counties all his life and is one of the most successful and prosperous farmers in the county. Stock-raising and dealing have been his chief occupations, besides engaging in mixed farming.

Mr. Beatty, of this sketch, was married December 27, 1847, to Margaret Hidy, a native of Fayette County, Ohio, and a daughter of Joseph Hidy, a farmer by occupation. Immediately after the marriage of our subject, he commenced farming in Fayette County, and in 1867 removed to Pickaway County, where he has resided ever since. By this marriage two children have been born, Scott and Clara. A sketch of the former is written elsewhere in this work. Clara is the wife of William C. Boswick and is making her home in this county.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Beatty affiliates with the Republican party. The fine farm of this gentleman consists of from seven hundred to eight hundred acres, all under splendid cultivation. Upon this place are erected a number of model

buildings for the accommodation of his cattle and horses. The Short-horn breed is his favorite in cattle, and at the present time he handles many horses. He owes his success to his good judgment and skillful management, and he is a thorough gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet. He is hospitable and kind and stands among the most highly-respected citizens in the county and township. His wife departed this life at her home, July 20, 1887.

ELKANAH HUMBLE was formerly, in his early manhood, prominent as an educator, and is now well known in Pickaway County as a farmer and stock-raiser, with one of the best farms in Walnut Township. He is a native of Ohio, born in Clarke County, September 20, 1826. When he was a child, he was taken to Delaware County and from there to Franklin County, when he was ten years old. When he was fourteen years of age, he came to Pickaway County, and has been a resident here for more than half a century. He early displayed good scholarly ability, and was very ambitious to obtain an education.

The preliminary schooling of our subject was obtained in the log schoolhouses of Franklin and Pickaway Counties, and he was a close student, devoting every spare hour to his books. At the age of twenty-two, he entered upon the profession of teaching, taking charge of a school in Harrison Township, which he taught four months, at $15 per month, paying $1 per week out of his salary for board. Wishing to further prepare himself for his calling, he then became a student at the Wesleyan University at Delaware, and profited very much by the course that he pursued in that institution during the fourteen weeks that he attended there.

After leaving college, our subject taught in Walnut Township several years and in other places in different parts of Pickaway County during the fifteen years that he was engaged in teaching. He won a high reputation as an educator who was thoroughly adapted to his profession, who understood its requirements in the various schools with which he was connected, and won golden opinions as to his methods of imparting instruction, from pupils and parents alike. He is still interested in educational matters, is of a thoughtful turn of mind, with an active brain that still keeps pace with the times, as he is a careful student. His political views find expression, generally, in the platform of the Democratic party. Religiously, he is of the Methodist Episcopal faith and a valued member of the church.

Mr. Humble's successful career as a farmer began in 1851, when he settled on his present homestead in Walnut Township, which contains two hundred and forty acres of land, and was then in a wild, uncultivated condition. By persistent effort, seconded by intelligent and well-directed labor, he has wrought a marvelous change, clearing up much of the land and erecting a substantial set of buildings, and has a neat and orderly place that is an ornament to the neighborhood. Beside this farm, he has another of one hundred and sixty-two acres in Scioto Township, which is also well improved.

Our subject was first married to Rhoda Miller, who was born on the farm on which he lives, and was a daughter of Joseph and Phœbe (Hedges) Miller. One son was born of that marriage, Albert, a graduate of the Wesleyan University, who is following in his father's footsteps as a successful educator, and was engaged in his profession in Oregon, but has now returned home and will take charge of the Nebraska School in Walnut Township. By his second wife, Catherine Miller, Mr. Humble had three sons, namely: Gilbert, Clerk of Walnut Township; Joseph, a resident of the State of Washington; and Frank, County Clerk and Recorder of Montezuma County, Colo., who was educated at the Lebanon, Ohio, Normal School.

Our subject's son Gilbert is a native of Pickaway County, and was born December 14, 1855. He was educated in the public schools of Walnut Township and, in due time, showed himself to be possessed of the requisite push and business tact necessary to secure success or to realize his ambitions, and he has already made his mark in his native county. He was first appointed Clerk of Walnut Township in September, 1888, and in the

spring of 1892 was re-elected to the office. In politics, he is an ardent Democrat, and socially, he is a member of the Masonic order, at Lithopolis.

The marriage of Gilbert Humble with Miss Lyda A. Brinker took place in 1882. She is a native of Walnut Township and a daughter of the late Barnabas and Elizabeth Brinker, who were early settlers of this part of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Humble have had four children, of whom two are living: Edna M. and Frank.

CHARLES SLYH was born on the farm where he now lives, March 26, 1848, the old homestead being very pleasantly located five miles south of Plain City, Canaan Township, Madison County. His father, Mathias Slyh, was born at Harper's Ferry, Va., in 1800, and was reared amid the wild and picturesque scenery of that noted spot. He was a son of Henry Slyh, who was also a Virginian by birth, and was a gallant soldier in the War of 1812. He died in Columbus, this State, at the ripe old age of eighty years. He was of German descent, his father having come from Germany in Colonial times and settled in Virginia.

The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Patterson, was born in Virginia in 1807, and was a daughter of Robert Patterson, who was also a native of that State, and was of Irish extraction. When she was about nine years old, her parents became pioneers of this State. The father of our subject came to Ohio in 1821. He was already married, having been wedded in Maryland when he was nineteen years old. His first wife, who accompanied him in his migration to this State, died in 1830, leaving four children, all of whom grew to maturity, and three of whom are still living. Mr. Slyh's second marriage was with the mother of our subject, and she bore him eleven children, of whom seven grew to manhood and womanhood, and six of them are still living.

The father of our subject is distinguished in the history of this county as one of its pioneers. He had first settled in Pickaway County, whence he removed to Columbus, where he remained one year, and at the expiration of that time he came to Madison County and located on the homestead owned and occupied at the present time by his son Charles. He built a log house, and vigorously entered upon the hard task of developing a farm, which under his careful management became one of the most desirable places in the vicinity, and in the comfortable home built up by his toil, he closed his eyes in death, January 12, 1883, thus ending a long and honorable life. He was greatly missed by the people among whom he had lived so many years, who knew him to be a true Christian and an active worker in all good causes in which he was interested. He was for many years one of the leading members of the Darby Baptist Church, holding official positions therein, and doing much for its upbuilding. He was likewise a well-known figure in public life, having held the offices of Trustee and Assessor of the township of Canaan. His wife survived him until August, 1891, and then she too passed away.

Charles Slyh, the subject of this biographical notice, is the tenth child and sixth son of his parents. His education was obtained in the district school, and on the old farm he early gained a clear insight into agricultural methods, and since he has been farming on his own account intelligently adapts the best to the conditions of the soil, and is a good, round-about, practical farmer. He remained an inmate of the parental household until he was twenty-six years old, assisting his father in the management of the farm, and farming for himself. After marriage, he removed to the William Wilson Farm, which he occupied two years. Returning then to the old homestead, he has ever since lived upon it. He has one hundred and fifty acres of land that is under a high state of cultivation, and is exceedingly productive. It is supplied with a neat and substantial set of buildings, and with all the modern appliances for carrying on agriculture to the best advantage.

Our subject is a lover of good horses, and keeps the best, having some fine specimens of blooded animals, and doing quite a business in buying and selling horses. He has a comprehensive knowledge of the horse, is an unerring judge of its good and

bad points, and his opinion is often referred to by his associates. He is also interested in sheep, which he handles for the market, having handled as many as two thousand during the season, and he now has a flock of five hundred of fine grade.

The marriage of Mr. Slyh with Miss Eliza Kilgore was celebrated March 26, 1875. She was a native of Canaan Township, and here her entire life was passed, her death occurring in 1887. This was a sad blow, not only to the members of her own household, by whom she was greatly beloved, but by others beyond the home circle who were favored with her steadfast friendship. She was true in all the relations of life, and left a precious memory of a pleasant personality, and of a wife and mother who was devoted to husband and children, and self-sacrificing in the faithful performance of her duties. Two daughters and a son are left to comfort our subject and help him in maintaining his home: Ora, Alma and Rodney.

This brief outline of the life of Mr. Slyh shows that he has arisen to an important place among the stockmen of his native county, and that he has been an influence in raising the standard of the horses bred within its borders. He has also mingled in the public life of the community, acting as Assessor of the township eleven years, and he is active in social circles as a member of Urania Lodge No. 311, A. F. & A. M., at Plain City; of Lodge No. 159, K. P; and of the Red Men of that city. He was at one time a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in that place. In politics, he is found with the Democrats.

JESSE NIGH, a leading groceryman of Mt. Sterling, who is also engaged in the undertaking business, has the honor of being a native of Ohio. He was born in Fayette County, on the 24th of October, 1847, and is a son of Samuel and Jane (Kemp) Nigh. His father was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1812, is a carpenter by trade and still resides in Pickaway County. Of the family, three sons and four daughters grew to mature years, and four are yet living: Mrs. Mary Beale, who resides on the farm in Pleasant Township, Madison County, and has five children; Mrs. Lucinda Smith, who died and left six children; Mrs. Charlotte Bragg, who resides on a farm in Range Township, Madison County, and has three children; Mrs. Emma Downs, who with her four children makes her home in Pickaway County; Otho W., who enlisted as a private in the One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Infantry, became cook for the Captain, and after one year in the service died of disease. His death occurred in Nashville and his remains were brought home and interred in Pleasant Cemetery in Mt. Sterling on his twenty-first birthday. Jesse P. is the younger, and Nathan died at the age of sixteen years.

Mr. Nigh, whose name heads this record, began life for himself at a very early age and has since made his own way in the world. He earned his first money by working as a farm hand. At the age of twenty-four, he was married to Miss Etta Javett, their union being celebrated in Mt. Sterling, August 30, 1870. Mr. Nigh was then engaged in the harness business, which he continued for three years. On selling out, he engaged in farming for a year, after which he embarked in the grocery trade and was thus engaged for fourteen years. He then purchased fourteen acres of land in Pickaway County, but after again following agricultural pursuits for one year, he abandoned that occupation to embark in his present business. He now has an excellent trade in the grocery business and his patronage is well deserved.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nigh have been born eight children: David Homer, Bertha Ora, William S., Freddie Milton, Floyd Bernard, Leslie Weir, Glenn and Ida May (twins). The eldest son was born in Harrisburgh, Franklin County, Ohio, and the other children are all natives of Mt. Sterling.

Mr. Nigh cast his first Presidential vote for Gen. Grant, supporting the Republican party for a number of years, but is now an adherent of the Prohibition party. He has never been an office-seeker, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to his business. Mr. and Mrs. Nigh and two of their children are members of the Methodist Church. He has served as Steward,

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Class-leader and assistant Superintendent of the Sunday-school. In the church, he has taken quite a prominent part, doing all in his power for its upbuilding. His life has been well and worthily spent and his straightforward course has won him the confidence of all with whom business or pleasure have brought him in contact.

ELI HARSH. There is probably no citizen of Scioto Township, Pickaway County, better or more favorably known than Eli Harsh, whose portrait appears on the opposite page. He began life a poor boy, but has now gained considerable wealth. He has gained the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact in business and social life, and his standing as a merchant at Commercial Point is an enviable one.

Born in Carroll County, Ohio, April 3, 1836, our subject is the son of Lewis Harsh, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1791. They are of German descent, grandfather Harsh having emigrated from Germany to America when a young man, just after the close of the Revolutionary War. After spending a number of years farming in Washington County, Pa., he migrated at an early day to Carroll County, Ohio, where he became one of the pioneers. There he bought quite a tract of land, and, settling in the wilderness, developed a fine farm. Indians were his near neighbors, and wolves and deer were often to be seen from his door. He was a noted huntsman and a good shot. He reared a large family and lived to complete more than ninety years.

The father of our subject was a young man when he came to Ohio. He bought eighty acres of timber land from his father and, having built for himself a house of hewed logs, settled down to develop his farm. He bought sixty acres additional and proved himself a hard worker and an industrious farmer, developing his estate and bringing it to a high state of cultivation. He lived to be ninety-one years of age, and was highly esteemed as a man of character and industry. He was a member of the German Reformed Church all his life and a faithful attendant upon religious services. In politics, he was a strong Democrat, but was not one who sought office. He married Silom Gantz, a native of Pennsylvania, and they reared to maturity eight sons and five daughters, namely: Andrew, Isaac, Rachel and Leah (twins), Cornelius, Zenus, Mary M., Jeremiah, Savina, Eli, Nathaniel, Mahala, and Philip. The mother of this numerous household, who was a member of the Reformed Church the greater part of her life, died at the age of seventy-eight. Her family was also of German descent and her father was born in the Old Country.

He of whom we write was reared and educated in Carroll County, Ohio, attending the pioneer schools in the log schoolhouses where the large open fireplace, the slab writing-desk, and the slab seats, were the only furnishing of which they could boast. The door had wooden hinges and a wooden latch, and the very earliest of these schoolhouses had oiled paper in the windows in lieu of glass. It was a subscription school and the teachers "boarded around." At eighteen years of age, Mr. Harsh attended Mount Union College, in Stark County, Ohio, spending two years in that institution, and while there paid his expenses by chopping wood and making gardens. When twenty years old, he began teaching school in Carroll County, and afterward pursued that profession in Franklin County, where he taught for one year in Jackson Township and three years in Pleasant Township.

The marriage of our subject at Harrisburgh, Franklin County, this State, took place September 18, 1860, and united him with Caroline Miller, a native of that place. Her father, Henry Miller, was born at Guntersdorf, in Nassau, Germany, December, 19, 1797, and her mother, Mary Catherine Strader, was born at Greifenstien, Prussia, April 10, 1789. They were married September 12, 1827, and in April, 1834, took passage for America on the ship "Shenandoah." The vessel being wrecked, they were rescued and brought to this country by another ship, after having been on the ocean for six weeks. They lost one child in this disaster, but brought two safely through the trying ordeal to which they were subjected.

Mr. Miller began his career in the United States in great poverty, having lost everything he possessed by shipwreck. At an early day, he settled in Columbus, Ohio, and after residing there for three years removed to Harrisburgh, where he carried on a general store and tailor shop, until within a few years of his death. He was one of the pioneer merchants of the town, and when locating there had to chop down trees to make a place upon which to build a house. His four living children are Cathrine, Wilhelmina, Emily and Caroline; William was the name of the little son whom they lost upon the voyage and who was then six years old. Mr. Miller died in his eighty-second year and Mrs. Miller died at the age of seventy-five. They were both members of the German Reformed Church.

Three children have blessed the home of our subject: Lewis M. and Leslie A., who are partners in the dry-goods business in Columbus, and Carrie, who is still with her parents. Mr. Harsh located here in 1864 and established himself in the mercantile business, with a capital of only $300 or $400, and he is now considered worth some $40,000. He has enlarged the business from time to time, and took his sons into partnership with him, continuing thus until a year ago, when they started their store in Columbus. He has had great success and has established a large trade. The present double two-story store with basement was built in 1881, and he occupies the entire building, carrying a stock of from $10,000 to $12,000 in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, hardware, wall paper and general notions. His handsome and commodious residence was erected by him in 1870, and he has a splendid farm of two hundred and forty acres adjoining the village on the south, which he has in the hands of a tenant, besides a town residence which he also rents. His residence and store occupy three lots, and are considered a handsome addition to the town architecturally.

Mr. and Mrs. Harsh have been members of the Methodist Church throughout most of their lives, and he is the Steward and Trustee of that body, as well as one of its main financial supporters. In politics, he is independent, with strong Prohibition proclivities, and rendered efficient service as Township Treasurer for fifteen years. He has been very successful, as might well be expected from a man of his ability and thorough study of business principles and practice. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is influential in that body.

WAYNE CALDWELL is a representative of one of the oldest and most respected families in the county and is one of the pushing, wide-awake business men of Circleville. He is young, enterprising and energetic, and stands very high both in financial and social circles. He is a native-born resident of Pickaway County, Ohio, born in Jackson Township on the 23d of July, 1848, and his father, Alexander Caldwell, was born in the same county and township in 1812. The grandfather, Alexander Caldwell, Sr., was a native of Scotland, and when a boy of thirteen emigrated to the United States and first settled in Pennsylvania. Later, he moved to Virginia, and from there to Ohio at an early date, settling in Jackson Township, within a mile of where his son resides at the present time. He was among the pioneer settlers; his farm was all wild land, and he resided in a log house for many years. He was industrious and ambitious and soon made many improvements on his place. There his death occurred when about seventy-five years of age. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

The father of our subject passed his youthful days in assisting his father in clearing the farm, and, as might naturally be expected, his educational advantages were not of the best, for he attended only now and then the schools taught in the log schoolhouses of that period. He remained under the parental roof until after his marriage, after which he branched out for himself, choosing the occupation to which he has been reared as his calling in life. He has been favored in every respect and is to-day one of the most successful farmers and stockmen in the county. He makes a specialty of Short-horn cattle and fine heavy draft horses. During the war, he dealt quite ex-

tensively in sheep. He did not enter the army on account of ill-health. He gradually accumulated twenty-four hundred acres of fine land on Sciota River. He is a good manager, a man of excellent business acumen, and no doubt inherited his thrift and energy from his sturdy Scotch ancestors. He is now eighty years of age, and is an active member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Charlotte Morris, was born in Walnut Township, this county, the daughter of John Morris, a native of Pennsylvania. She is now seventy-eight years of age.

Of the six children born to this couple, five are now living, and our subject is the second in order of birth. His early school days were spent in the log schoolhouse with slab benches, a log left out at one side for a window, and other rude contrivances. Later, a much better schoolhouse was erected, and in this our subject remained until seventeen years of age, when he entered Bloomingburgh Academy, in Fayette County, Ohio. Three years later, he was graduated from that institution and intended to enter college, but was called home on account of his father's illness. After this, he continued at home and assisted his father until 1874, when he became the possessor of a farm of three hundred and eighty-seven acres in Scioto Township, all well improved and well cultivated. He followed agricultural pursuits on this until 1879, when he located in Circleville, but he has still continued to operate the farm through a superintendent.

Our subject bought out F. M. Shulz's crockery store and has continued this business up to the present time, adding to the original stock wall-paper and moulding, and now occupies three floors of the First National Bank Building. Notwithstanding Mr. Caldwell's business and the urgent demand it makes upon his attention, he is able to devote a portion of his time to public matters and every laudable enterprise receives his hearty support. He is practical, energetic and persevering, and a most reliable man of business.

Mr. Caldwell chose his life companion in the person of Miss Maggie Renick, and their marriage was solemnized in the year 1879. The result of this union has been three children, of whom only one survives, Felix. Mrs. Caldwell's father, Felix Renick, was a very extensive farmer and was the first settler in this township. She was born here, was educated in Hillsboro Female Seminary, and is a lady of intelligence and refinement. Mr. Caldwell is a member of the Board of Trade and was Secretary of the Pickaway Fair Company for some time. This company spent much time in building up and improving the grounds, but they received very little encouragement from the people, and so abandoned it. Mr. Caldwell still owns a partnership in this. He has shown his appreciation of secret orders by becoming a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He is a man of thorough understanding of public affairs and is interested in the success of Republican principles.

SAMUEL W. BENNETT, whose farm in Monroe Township was reclaimed from the primeval forests by his father, Samuel J. Bennett, represents one of the early pioneer families of this State, and he is a fine type of the native-born sons of Pickaway County, whose agricultural interests he promotes by his progressive modes of farming. He was born on the old homestead on which he lives, December 11, 1851. His father, who was a native of Ross County, was a son of John Bennett, who was born in Delaware, was of English ancestry, and was a farmer by occupation. In the early part of the century, he came to Ohio, and made settlement in the forests of Ross County, where he bought a small tract of land, upon which he built a log cabin for a dwelling. He and his wife reared a large family, and in the fullness of time passed away from the scenes of their pioneer labors, his death occurring when he was seventy or more years old, and her's at the age of ninety-seven years, nine months and fourteen days.

The father of our subject grew to a stalwart manhood in his native county, and in 1834 he was there married to Rebecca Hopkins, who was also

born in Ross County, her birthplace lying on the shores of Big Paint Creek. Her parents, who lived to be very old, were among the early settlers of that county. These ten children were born to the Bennetts: Sarah A. (Mrs. Taylor), Mary A. (Mrs. Taylor), Jane (Mrs. Barnhart, now deceased), Will K., Mahala (Mrs. Chittem), Nancy (Mrs. Corkwell, Samuel W., Fanny (Mrs. Barnhart), Rhoda (Mrs. Ensley), and Elnora (Mrs. Toben). The mother is still living, at the age of seventy-five, and bears her years well, still being active and retaining her faculties undimmed by the ravages of time. Nearly all her life she has been a member of the Methodist Church, and she is an exemplary Christian.

After marriage, Mr. Bennett came here to settle, and bought a tract of timber land, which is the old homestead occupied by our subject. He had to cut down the trees to make room to build a log cabin, which was the regulation pioneer dwelling, with its puncheon floor, open fireplace and rude home-made furnishings, and in that humble abode he and his wife commenced housekeeping. The country around was an almost unbroken wilderness, with but very few settlements, a log cabin here and there along Deer Creek marking the home of some venturesome pioneer. Wild game of all kinds was abundant, and venison and wild turkey furnished agreeable additions to the somewhat limited bill of fare of the settlers. The father of our subject was very diligent, worked hard to clear and develop his farm, and was well rewarded for his labors by the substantial competency that he acquired. He died lamented at the end of an upright, honorable life of sixty-five years. He was of a truly religious nature, and took an active part in the upbuilding of the Methodist Church at Yankeetown, to which he belonged. In politics, he was a Whig, until after the Republican party was formed, and from that time he gave the Republican cause his firm support.

Our subject was reared on the old homestead, and early acquired a knowledge of agriculture in all its branches, that has been of good service to him. He was educated in the district schools, and the first that he attended was held in a log house, that was rudely furnished with slab benches that were held up by wooden pins. At the youthful age of nineteen, he entered in earnest upon his life-work, and has farmed the old home place ever since. He has here three hundred and fifty-eight acres, all under cultivation, and very thoroughly drained with tiles. He conducts mixed farming, and besides raising one hundred acres of grain each year, has his farm well stocked with cattle, horses and hogs of the most approved grades.

The marriage of our subject with Miss Mary Robison, a native of Mt. Sterling, Madison County, was solemnized August 26, 1874. Their pleasant home circle is completed by their two daughters, Lillis E. and Bertha M. Both have been well educated, and the former, who has a talent for music, is an accomplished pianist. Mrs. Bennett is a woman of fine disposition and character, whose influence for good is felt by all who come in contact with her. She and her daughters are members of the Methodist Church, and are prominent in its every good work. Mr. Bennett is a liberal-minded, open-handed man, who stands well in financial circles, and with his neighbors and fellow-citizens in general. His political sentiments are decidedly of the Republican order, and he is a stalwart advocate of the principles of his party.

WESLEY DAVIS, a prosperous merchant of Williamsport, Deer Creek Township, Pickaway County, is a native-born citizen of this place. He was born October 28, 1839, and is a son of William and Mary (Funk) Davis, natives of Virginia, who removed to Ohio in 1806. Wesley's father was a farmer by occupation, and came of a long-lived race.

Our subject received his education in the common school, and, at the early age of fifteen years, commenced in life for himself by working on a farm by the month, which he followed until May 30, 1861. In that year, he enlisted in the Civil War, being the first volunteer from his town. He enlisted in Company B, Thirteenth Ohio Infantry, served his time and was discharged August 23, 1863. After he returned home, he attempted to

again enlist, but was refused, and went with the regiment as a sutler, remaining until the close of the conflict.

Mr. Davis again returned home May 1, 1865, and subsequently engaged in the merchandise business at Williamsport, in which line of business he has continued ever since. He has been twenty-two years in the same store, and has been very successful and prosperous in the business. The business consists of dry goods, hardware, groceries, queensware, boots, shoes, wall paper and clothing. He is the proprietor of two stores, one of which is devoted almost exclusively to gents' furnishing goods. Mr. Davis has been a hard worker and began in life with but small capital, but he has wisely devoted his time and attention almost wholly to his business affairs.

This gentleman of whom we write took as his wife Miss Frances Leiby, a daughter of James Leiby, a native of Ohio. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents in this place, July 15, 1865. Our subject is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and has taken the Thirty-second Degree. He is a member of the Town Council, and, in politics, affiliates with the Republican party. He and his good wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of their town.

THOMAS K. PERDUE is City Engineer of Washington C. H., and is also engaged in the nursery business here. He is a son of Gresham and Abigail (Morse) Perdue, who were natives respectively of Bedford County, Va., and of Tuckerton, N. J., their parents being pioneers of this State. The father of our subject was born in 1790, and in 1813, in the opening years of a stalwart manhood, came to Ohio, and was one of the early settlers of Highland County, where he was variously engaged, principally in the nursery business, he being one of the pioneer fruitmen of the State. He was married after coming to Ohio, his wife's people having come here from New Jersey in 1825, and settled in Champaign County. Her father, Ephraim B. Morse, was a distant relative of Phineas B. Morse, the great inventor of the telegraph.

Gresham Perdue was, in turn, a Whig, a Free-soiler and a Republican, and was in full sympathy with the anti-slavery cause, but his religious principles as a Friend forbade his taking up arms when war was declared. He died February 18, 1885, at the venerable age of ninety-five years, leaving behind him a noble record as a man eminently worthy of the respect and regard in which he was always held. He was the father of eight children, one by a former wife, Elizabeth Dukeminere. Five of these children are still living, our subject being the youngest. Gresham Perdue's second wife, the mother of our subject, passed away May 14, 1878, at a ripe old age.

Thomas K. Perdue was born July 30, 1838, in New Martinsburgh, this county(Fayette). He early showed himself to be a good scholar, and he acquired an excellent education, whereby he was enabled to teach in the public schools, in which he had obtained much of his learning, supplemented by reading and private study. He began teaching in 1860, and for twenty winters was closely engaged in the profession, winning a high reputation as an educator of more than average ability. During that time, he was also interested in the fruit business, in which he still continues, and has built up an extensive trade as one of the leading nursery men of Fayette County.

In 1880, Mr. Perdue was elected County Surveyor, a position for which he was well qualified, as he had learned surveying from his father and is an expert in that line. After his election, he removed to Washington C. H. to enter upon the duties of his office, which he held six years, and he still continued surveying after the expiration of his term. He was subsequently elected City Engineer of Washington C. H., and is serving his fourth year in that capacity, giving full satisfaction by his intelligent and faithful performance of the duties thus incumbent upon him. In the year 1883, he bought the place where he now lives in an attractive part of the city, and built a good frame house for the accommodation of himself and family.

To the lady who presides over his home and looks so well to the comfort as well as happiness of the household, Mr. Perdue was wedded April 30, 1868. Mrs. Perdue, formerly Jane M. Smith, was born in Pickaway County, February 24, 1847, and is a daughter of Isaac and Mary Smith, who were pioneers of that county, her father being a blacksmith. Her marriage with our subject has brought them nine children, all of whom are living, namely: Whittier, a civil engineer at Chicago; Miriam; Edith, who married Otis Conner and resides in Indianapolis; Alice; Morton, a civil engineer in Chicago; Homer; Lizzie; Helen and Gladys.

Our subject is an uncompromising Republican, and is well posted in regard to politics. For three years, he was Clerk of Perry Township, was Trustee for years, and was School Director for many terms, using his influence to secure the best possible educational advantages for the youth of the township. He has had a good deal to do with the County Infirmary, of which he was a Director six years. He and all his family are members of the Society of Friends at Martinsburgh. He is known by all as a man of unimpeachable integrity and sound honor.

WILLIAM MILLIKAN, SR., is a member of the firm of William Millikan & Son, publishers and proprietors of the *Fayette County Weekly* and *Daily Herald*. The latter paper has been published for the past six years and is the only daily in the county, while the weekly was the first Republican organ in Washington C. H. They are both bright and newsy sheets and find their way into hundreds of homes throughout this section.

The *Fayette County Herald* was established in 1858 by our subject as a seven-column, four-page weekly, and continued to be of that size until Mr. Millikan built up a good circulation. In 1871, he associated with him as partner in the business his son, W. W. Millikan. The paper has been enlarged three different times, it now being a seven-column, eight-page paper, and it is aiding materially in forwarding the interests of this section. In December, 1885, they started the *Daily Herald*, which proved a success from the start, it being now a four-page, seven-column paper.

Our subject was born in Colerain Township, Ross County, this State, September 22, 1806, and is the son of John Millikan, who was born in North Carolina, where he grew to mature years. The father of our subject came to Ross County in 1804, where he was married to Miss Mary Wyatt. He was a Lieutenant in the War of 1812, and died in 1814, while in charge of British prisoners at Chillicothe. He of whom we write received a good education in Delaware County, Ohio, whither the family had removed, and there found his first employment in the office of the Delaware *Gazette*. When quite a young man, he purchased a half-interest in the paper, his partner being Judge Ezra Griswold.

Selling out a few years later, Mr. Millikan removed to Marion and established *The Western Galaxy*, of which he was the publisher for four years. He then took up his abode at South Bend, Ind., and edited the *Indiana Free Press*, being joined a year or two later by his brother John, and here they continued in partnership for nine years, making a success of the venture. Our subject then sold out to Schuyler Colfax, and, going to Kalamazoo, Mich., bought a half interest in the Kalamazoo *Telegraph*, which he managed for two years, when he went to La Porte, Ind., in company with his brother, having purchased of him a half-interest in the *La Porte County Whig*, which they published for nine years. Mr. Millikan then rested from his arduous labors for four years, and then, coming to Washington C. H., has been identified with the interests of this section since that time. He has followed the life of a printer since 1830, with the exception of the four years above mentioned, and has probably been in that line of business longer than any other man in the Buckeye State.

Mr. Millikan was twice elected on the Whig ticket to represent his district in the State Legislature from La Porte County, Ind., and while residing there also served as Mayor of the city of

La Porte for one term. In the fall of 1875, he was elected to the Legislature from Fayette County, Ohio, and again elected to the same position in 1879, his last service being with the session of 1881. During that time, he served as Chairman of the Committee on Public Printing for four years, and was also a member of various other important committees. He served as a member of the School Board six years, over which body he presided as President one term.

The lady to whom our subject was married in 1829 bore the name of Rachel Abbott. She departed this life in 1833, and Mr. Millikan was afterward married to Miss Amanda, daughter of Judge Homes, of Newark, Ohio. The wife and mother died in 1836, at South Bend, leaving a son and daughter: Charles A., of Marysville, Ohio, and Ann Eliza, the wife of E. E. Wood, an attorney of Cincinnati, residing at Avondale. The lady who became the third wife of Mr. Millikan was Emma Cleveland, of Elkhart County, Ind., and at her death left five children. Two have since died and there are living William W.; Emma, at home, and Evaline May, who is teaching stenography in the Lexington (Ky.) College. His fourth wife was Mrs. Mary B. Bostwick, of Fayette County.

Mr. Millikan is a man of broad culture and has filled wisely the editorial chair in this and other States. His son, William W., Jr., was born at South Bend, Ind., July 24, 1846. He received a good education in the common schools and later learned the trade of a printer from his father. He was married, in 1874, to Miss Nannie Smith, a native of New Lexington, Ohio, and the daughter of L. W. and Lydia Smith. To them have been been born three children, two of whom are living, Susie and Pauline. One son, Hugh, is deceased.

ELMER W. WELSHEIMER. Among the prominent residents of Washington C. H., there is perhaps no one more worthy of mention in this volume than our subject, who was elected to the position of County Treasurer in 1890. He is a native of this State, having been born in Ross County, October 4, 1843, to William H. and Mahala (Robbins) Welsheimer. The father was one of the pioneers of the above-named county and was reared to agricultural pursuits.

The original of this sketch was given a good education in the country schools of his district, and later attended the temple of learning at Bloomingburgh for two years. On the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted, in November, 1861, as a member of Company G, Seventy-third Ohio Infantry, and accompanied his regiment to West Virginia, where they were under the command of Gen. Rosecrans. He participated in the second battle of Bull Run in 1862, under Pope, in which conflict he was wounded. He later fought at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, and soon after the last-named battle went south with Hooker to re-inforce Rosecrans. The company of which he was a member arrived at Bridgeport October 28, 1863, and opened up the "cracker line" for Rosecrans. At that time, Col. Smith's brigade charged the enemy, who were stationed on Raccoon Mountain, in which battle Mr. Welsheimer was wounded, necessitating the amputation of his foot fifteen days later. He was in the hospital at Nashville until the spring of 1864, at which time he returned home, having served his country bravely for a period of nearly three years.

Returning home from the war, our subject spent two and one-half years in school at Bloomingburgh, after which he launched out in the general merchandising business and continued so occupied until elected Clerk of the Court in 1875. He was the incumbent of that position for twelve years, and at the expiration of that time engaged in the grocery and insurance business. In 1889, Mr. Welsheimer was elected County Treasurer, but did not assume the duties of the office until September, 1890. At the expiration of his term, he was re-elected to the same office, which expires in September, 1894. He has given general satisfaction to the people and fills the office in a most conscientious and efficient manner.

In 1869, Mr. Welsheimer and Miss Sarah, a daughter of Samuel Zimmerman, were united in

marriage, and to them have been born three children, namely: Otis, who assists his father as County Treasurer, Olive and Lulu. In social matters, our subject is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also connected with the John M. Bell Post, G, A. R. In politics, he is a Republican.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS OLIVER, the Secretary and General Manager of the Scioto Machine Works, of Circleville, McEwing and Oliver, proprietors, is a leading business man of this place. He was born in Clinton County, N. Y., April 24, 1826, and is the only child of Rufus and Annie (Stark) Oliver. The grandfather, Robert Oliver, was a native of New York and became a Vermont farmer. His last days, however, were spent in Clinton County, N. Y., where his death occurred at the age of fifty-eight years. He was of Scotch-Irish descent.

Rufus Oliver was born near Orwell, Rutland County, Vt. He served in the War of 1812. He engaged in farming in New York and married Miss Stark, who was born in Grand Isle County, N. Y., and was a daughter of Benajah and Mary (Sweet) Stark, both of whom were natives of the Green Mountain State. Mr. Stark was a farmer by occupation and for a number of years prior to his death followed that business in Clinton County, N. Y. He was a relative of Gen. Stark, of Revolutionary fame. In 1833, Mr. Oliver removed with his family to Hinckley, Medina County, Ohio, and purchased a farm of sixty acres at $4.50 per acre. His first home was a log cabin. In the spring of 1841, he removed to York Township in the same county and bought one hundred and twenty-seven acres of land, which he transformed into a highly improved farm. In politics, he was a stanch Whig and was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. He was quite a fine singer and served as a leader of the choir. His death occurred in 1862. His wife survived him some years and passed away at the advanced age of eighty-three.

Our subject spent his early boyhood days prior to his eighth year within a mile and a half of Lake Champlain. His education was acquired in the common schools, and he was early inured to the labors of the farm. He remained with his parents until their deaths. In 1855, he married Miss Rebecca Kimball, who was born in East Lyman, N. H., and was a daughter of Charlton and Mary Kimball, of Maine. Before her marriage, she engaged in school teaching. They began their domestic life upon the home farm, where the wife died a few years later. Mr. Oliver then left the farm and for ten years, including the period of the late war, was a dealer in pianos and organs in Medina, Ohio, and also engaged in teaching music. Early in life, he manifested great love for that art and had studied both vocal and instrumental music.

In June, 1877, Mr. Oliver wedded Mrs. Elizabeth S. Springer, widow of the Rev. Cornelius Springer, a Methodist Protestant minister, of Zanesville, Ohio. The following year they became residents of Circleville, and our subject purchased stock in the Scioto Machine Works, which were incorporated, he becoming their Secretary and a Director. That position he held until the works were closed. On the 3d of November, 1885, in company with Mr. McEwing, his present partner, he bought the works from the assignees and they have since carried on the business successfully. The Scioto Machine Works are the largest of the kind in the county. They have a forty-horse power engine and all the modern improvements. Their buildings cover an acre and a quarter and consist of two warehouses, a machine shop, foundry, blacksmith-shop, boiler-shop and engine rooms. They have furnished employment to from seventy-five to one hundred hands and manufacture portable and stationary engines, portable sawmills, gristmill machinery, cook, parlor and office stoves, fire fronts and grates, house fronts, and window caps. Their business is constantly increasing and has become one of the leading industries of Circleville.

By his first marriage, Mr. Oliver had a family of five children, four of whom grew to mature years: De Witt C., who was engaged in the insurance business in Helena, Mont., lost his health and died in Circleville, in August, 1889, at the age of thirty-four; Angie M. is the wife of J. M. Wright, Prosecuting Attorney of Lancaster, Fairfield County,

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Ohio; Annie is the wife of C. W. Botkin, proprietor of a music store in Columbus; Rebecca is living in Columbus; and Carrie Ida died in childhood.

For the past four years, Mr. Oliver has been engaged in teaching vocal music and also gives lessons on the violin. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is musical director of the choir and fills the office of Steward. In politics, he is a Republican. Socially, he is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and the Independent Order of Good Templars, in which he is a very active worker. He spent two months of the past winter in Leesburgh, Fla. Mrs. Oliver owns two orange groves in that State. She is a very prominent temperance worker, being Vice-president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Florida, where she makes her home through the winter. She has lectured in that State, in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, New York and New Jersey, and is prominently known among temperance workers throughout the States. She is also a regularly licensed minister of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Oliver is one of the prominent citizens of the community and his success in life is well deserved.

ISAAC E. DREISBACH is one of the early settlers of Pickaway County, and an honored retired farmer now living in Circleville. He was born in East Buffalo Township, Union County, Pa., March 28, 1819, and is a son of the Rev. John Dreisbach, whose sketch appears in connection with that of Martin Dreisbach on another page of this work.

The gentleman whose portrait and biography we here present was reared to manhood in the Keystone State, and at an early age became inured to the hard labors of the farm. On the emigration of the family to the West, he drove a team, and after twenty-one days of travel reached Pickaway County. The family settled on a farm and the boys engaged in its cultivation. Many of their evenings were devoted to study, and in this way our subject acquired his education. He remained at home until he had attained his majority and then started out in life for himself, renting a farm for a few years.

On the 9th of February, 1841, in Walnut Township, Mr. Dreisbach married Miss Lydia Hittel, who was born in Lehigh County, Pa., in 1821, a daughter of John Hittel, who was a farmer of the Keystone State. In 1831, he came with his family to Ohio, and settled upon a farm in Walnut Township, where his death occurred two years later. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lydia Kern, was also a native of Pennsylvania, and died in Circleville at the age of sixty-two years.

Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dreisbach, namely: Mary, who is the wife of Prof. H. C. Smith, a music teacher of Naperville, Ill.; Benjamin F., who was graduated from the Northwestern College of Plainfield, Ill., is now farming in Circleville Township, Pickaway County; Martha, who was graduated from the Northwestern College, is the wife of Lewis Earnest, of Anderson County, Kan.; Rosalie is the wife of David Ludwig, of Pickaway County; the Rev. Charles, a graduate of the Northwestern College, of Naperville, Ill., is a farmer and a minister of the Evangelical Church of Frankfort, S. Dak.; Reuben is a farmer of Pickaway Township, Pickaway County; Emma is the wife of the Rev. T. W. Woodside, a missionary, who is now in Vilando, West Central Africa.

In 1840, Mr. Dreisbach bought a farm in Pickaway Township, upon which was a log house, and afterward purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land of his brother, making in all three hundred and twenty acres. In 1853, he built a brick residence thereon and subsequently bought one hundred and seventy-two acres of land adjoining his farm on the north. He afterward purchased two hundred and thirty-one acres one mile to the west, and engaged extensively in general farming and stock-raising. He still owns all of his land, which he rents. His home farm was one of the most highly cultivated in the community and has yielded him a golden tribute, which has made him a wealthy citizen. In 1890, he left the farm and has since lived retired in Circleville, where he has a pleasant home. In February, 1891, he and his wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

In 1850, Mr. Dreisbach became a Free-soiler, in

1852 voted for John P. Hale, and in 1856 for Fremont, and then supported the Republican party until 1884, since which time he has been a stanch Prohibitionist. He is a consistent member of the Evangelical Association, has been a Class-leader for half a century, and for many long years was Superintendent of the Sunday-school. His life has been a busy and useful one and he has won the high regard of all.

ALLISON GRIM, a prominent farmer and stock-raiser, resides on the old Federal Road, a mile east of Range, where he owns a fine farm of four hundred and fifteen acres. He was born in Huntington Township, Ross County, July 30, 1843, and is a son of John and Barbara (Grub) Grim. His father was born in Maryland, January 15, 1807, and the mother in Pennsylvania, February 12, 1815. While children, they came with their parents to Ross County, Ohio, where they were married, February 19, 1833. They afterward went to Fayette County, then returned to Ross County, and in 1861 again went to Fayette County. Five years later, they came to Madison County, where they resided during the greater part of the time until the father's death in November, 1888. His wife passed away in 1867.

Our subject spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of farmer lads. At the age of twenty, he bought his time of his father, and in February, 1864, enlisted in Company K, Eighth Ohio Cavalry. He was on the Hunter raid in the Shenandoah Valley, participated in the battle of Winchester, and was at Cedar Creek when Sheridan made his famous ride. He saw the General when he came through, and was one of those who followed him to victory that day. On the close of the war, he was discharged in Clarksburgh July 30, 1865, his twenty-second birthday.

Mr. Grim at once returned to his father's home in Fayette County and gave his attention to farming. He married Miss Mary M. Foster, December 12, 1868. She was born on the farm which is now their home, September 6, 1845, and is the youngest daughter of James and Margaret (Bowyer) Foster. Her father was born in Ross County, Ohio, March 4, 1802, and shortly after his twentieth birth-day, was married to Miss Bowyer, who was born November 7, 1801. Soon after, they started for Madison County, and Mr. Foster worked by the month at $7.25, having charge of the farm of Gen. Worthington, with whom he remained until the latter's death. Mrs. Worthington then made him the proposition that if he would still attend to the farm and engage in raising stock, she would furnish the money and divide the profits. This he did for a number of years, and laid the foundation of his immense fortune. He eventually began buying land belonging to the Worthington estate, and at length became owner of over twenty-one hundred acres in this county. He also bought six hundred acres for Mrs. Eliza Chenoweth, his daughter, and purchased three hundred and twenty acres in Piatt County, Ill., and six hundred and forty acres in Madison County, which now belong to other parties. He was very generous, and frequently would give a horse or cow to a man just starting out in life. He became a member of the Methodist Church at the age of eleven and served as Class-leader for forty years. His financial aid was not confined to his own church alone, but he gave freely to all. On one occasion when help was needed for a colored church in London, one of the County Commissioners said that he would give as much as any one else in the room. Mr. Foster asked how many others would do that and six more agreed, so he laid $50 down on the table, and as his associates were men of their word, they also put down similar amounts and the indebtedness was paid off the church.

In 1824, Mr. Foster cast his first vote for John Quincy Adams. He was an Abolitionist and voted for J. C. Fremont in 1856. He never sought office or cared for it. He was never known to take advantage of any man and often remarked that he would rather give a man $100 than cheat him out of a penny. His death occurred November 25, 1873, and his wife passed away July 29, 1858. Four of their eleven children are still liv-

ing: Eleanor, wife of J. S. Pancake, whose sketch appears in this work; Elizabeth, wife of James B. Chenoweth, whose sketch is also given in this volume; James P., the only living son, and Mrs. Grim.

After his marriage, Mr. Grim began operating one hundred and sixty acres of land given him by his father-in-law, and has since resided upon the farm. At the division of the Foster estate, his landed possessions were increased to four hundred and fifteen acres. Five children were born in his home but all died in childhood. Mr. Grim and his wife are both members of the Methodist Church and are highly respected people, widely and favorably known in this community. He cast his first Presidential vote in 1864, for Abraham Lincoln, and supported the Republican party until recently, when he joined the Prohibition party. Socially, he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and has attended National Re-unions in Columbus, Milwaukee, Boston and Detroit, and was a delegate to the State Encampment at Piqua in 1892. Mr. Grim is a representative farmer of this community and he and his estimable wife well deserve representation in this volume.

JACOB L. JAMISON, an extensive farmer and stock-dealer of Perry Township, Pickaway County, is a native of Washington C. H., Fayette County, this State. His birth occurred on the 7th of May, 1850, and he was born to William and Malinda (Cecil) Jamison, both natives of Ohio, the father following the vocation of a tiller of the soil. The grandfather of our subject, Jacob Jamison, was born in Kentucky, and at an early day removed to Ohio and built the first house in Washington C. H. He was Judge of the court for several years and was a prominent citizen in that county.

Of the five children born to the father and mother of Jacob L. Jamison, he is the third in order of birth. At the early age of seventeen years, he started to make his own way in the world by farming by the month, which he continued for six or seven years, and then engaged in the stock business. In this he has been more than ordinarily successful and carries on about the largest business of this kind in the county. He has now associated with him as a partner Mr. William Woods, of Deer Creek Township. Mr. Jamison enjoys the reputation of being one of the best-natured men in the community, and his genial, pleasant face has long been familiar to the citizens of his neighborhood. His heart and purse are always open to aid and encourage.

Jacob L. Jamison, of this brief sketch, on the 15th of October, 1873, took as his life companion and helpmate Miss Josephine Curran. Mrs. Jamison is a native of Fayette County, Ohio, and is a daughter of John and Melissa (Conner) Curran, both of Fayette County, this State. The union of our subject and his amiable wife has been blessed by the birth of three children, who bear the respective names of James Quinn, Thomas and Donna Opal. In his political affiliations, Mr. Jamison is a strong advocate of the Republican party.

DR. M. H. MIESSE, physician and surgeon, of Circleville, Ohio. Among the people of Circleville and surrounding country, the name that heads this sketch is a very familiar one, for, in his professional capacity, he has become intimately acquainted with a majority of the inhabitants. He was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, November 16, 1843, and is a son of Dr. Benjamin and Sophia (Carpenter) Miesse, natives of Pennsylvania and Connecticut, respectively. Grandfather Jacob Miesse was also a native of the Keystone State, and was a successful agriculturist of that State. Our subject's maternal grandfather was an early settler of Athens County, Ohio, and was also a tiller of the soil. He died in that county when eighty years of age, and his wife passed away at the advanced age of ninety-six.

The father of our subject, Dr. Benjamin Miesse, was born near Reading and was a graduate of the

University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, in the department of medicine, and after coming West, he practiced his profession in Chillicothe for some time. Later, he came to Circleville, and practiced his profession there until after the death of his wife, when he returned to Pennsylvania. His family consisted of three sons and one daughter, viz.: Dr. Benjamin F., who was an Assistant Surgeon in an Ohio Regiment during the Civil War and is now practicing his profession in Chillicothe; Edson B., who has a book-store in Chillicothe; and Lizzie, now Mrs. Reiche, who resides in York, Pa.

Dr. M. H. Meisse was second in order of birth of the above-mentioned children. He passed his youthful days in Chillicothe, Circleville and Athens, until his father went back to Pennsylvania, when he was a resident of that State for three years. At the age of ten years, he returned to the Buckeye State and was a resident of Findlay for three years. After this, he was in Greenville, Ohio, with an uncle, until he was fifteen years of age, in 1859, when he entered the Ohio University at Athens. He graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1864, after which he read medicine with his uncle, Dr. Jonathan Meisse. From 1865 until 1866, he attended the Medical College in Cincinnati, Ohio, and in the fall of 1867 he went to New York, where he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, graduating in March, 1868, with the degree of M. D. He subsequently located at Royalton, Fairfield County, Ohio, and practiced his profession in that and Pickaway County until 1880, when he decided to settle in Circleville for school advantages. During his residence in this county, he has become well and favorably known to the majority of her citizens as an able and successful medical practitioner. He has been a member of the Board of Pension Examiners here for the past three years, and was also a member of the Board of Pension Examiners at Chillicothe for about one year, or until the Board was established in Circleville, when he was transferred to this place. He now has a pleasant office three doors north of the American House, and he has a comfortable residence on Scioto Street, near Main Street. He owns some real estate in Columbus, one hundred and seventy acres of well-improved land in Monroe Township, this county, and other property. All this the Doctor has made by his own industry and close attention to his profession. With money earned by teaching school, he received his medical education and he is now one of the leading physicians of the county, having a large and remunerative practice.

He was married in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1868, to Miss Louisa E. Cummins, a native of Portsmouth, Ohio, and the daughter of Rev. S. P. Cummins, of West Virginia. Mr. Cummins was a Methodist Episcopal preacher and settled in Portsmouth, Ohio, at an early date. He was Treasurer of Scioto County two terms. The three children born to our subject and his wife are as follows: Ella, who married J. H. Chaney, an architect on the World's Fair buildings; Bertha, who graduated from the High School in 1891; and Alice, who will graduate in the Class of '93.

Dr. Miesse is a Knight Templar, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics, he is a true-blue Republican, and in religion, he is a Methodist. In May, 1864, after graduating, he enlisted at Athens, Ohio, in the One Hundred and Forty-first Ohio Infantry, Company B, and was mustered in at Gallipolis, Ohio, and four months later he mustered out at the same place. He was a Charter member of Groce Post. Dr. Miesse has been a delegate to several State and county conventions, and is President of the Garfield Republican Club, of Circleville. He is Treasurer of the Republican Executive County Committee, which position he has held for several years, and he is a member of the County Committee. He was a member of the Hocking Valley Medical Society until it was disbanded.

LEWIS NEISWANDER. The farming and stock-raising affairs of Pickaway County, Ohio, and particularly of Madison Township, are ably represented by Mr. Neiswander, who is a descendant of thrifty and energetic German stock on both sides of the house.

Mr. Neiswander was born in Schuylkill County,

Pa., on the 2d of December, 1846, and is a son of Daniel and Eliza Neiswander, who are now residing in Putnam County, Ohio. About 1850, the parents left the Keystone State, and hearing of the fertile soil of Ohio, decided to locate within its borders. They first settled in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, and there made their home until their removal to Putnam County. Honest and upright in all their dealings, they won and held the respect of all who were fortunate enough to be acquainted with them.

Our subject's scholastic advantages were received in his native county, and were such as the common schools afforded. These advantages he improved to the utmost, and although he did not attend school after the age of thirteen years, he is acknowledged by all to be a man of intelligence and ability. At the age of eighteen years, he decided that there was "no royal road to excellence without great labor" and he started out to fight his own way in life. For several years, he worked as a farm hand and received for his services from $18 to $25 per month in the busy season.

He selected his wife in the person of Miss Leah C. Glick, and their marriage was solemnized August 26, 1869. Her father, Daniel Glick, now makes his home with our subject. To Mr. and Mrs. Neiswander have been born two interesting children: Minnie V. and Daniel B. N. For several years after his marriage, Mr. Neiswander tilled the soil on rented land, but he subsequently purchased one hundred and twenty acres and received forty acres through his wife, making one hundred and sixty acres in Madison Township, this county, and he is now one of the representative farmers and stockmen of his section. Although just in the prime of life, he has made his way to the front ranks among the energetic farmers of this county, and, owing to the attention he has always paid to each minor detail, he has accumulated a fair share of this world's goods. Coupled with his energy and enterprise, he inherits his father's excellent business qualities, and has succeeded far beyond his expectations, being now the owner of some of the most productive land to be found.

Mr. Neiswander is a member of the German Reformed Church, is a Deacon in the same, and is one of its most active members. He favors all enterprise tending towards the progress and development of Pickaway County and is public-spirited and progressive. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' lodge at Winchester, Ohio. Mr. Neiswander is well known in Madison Township and bears the reputation of sterling integrity and honesty in all business transactions. He enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

CHARLES PHELLIS has borne a conspicuous part in promoting the progress of the agricultural and stock interests of Madison County within the last quarter of a century, as one of the most enlightened and enterprising of its representative farmers and stockmen. His residence is half a mile north of Rosedale, in Pike Township, where he has a large landed property, including one of the finest and best appointed farms in all the country round, where he does an extensive business in raising and dealing in cattle, horses, sheep and hogs of high grade.

Mr. Phellis, a native of this State, was born in Hamilton County January 9, 1845. His father, Jacob Phellis, was also a native of Ohio, and was born in Butler County. He was a carpenter by trade, and was a large contractor, building many houses in Hamilton and Butler Counties, and for a while he was a resident of Cincinnati, where he erected several large buildings, some of which are still standing. He also had contracts in New London, where he put up some good buildings. He had control of a large business, was one of the leading contractors of his part of the State, and was in the midst of a highly successful career when he was stricken by death in his fiftieth year. He was alive to public interests, and in his political views was a decided Democrat. The Phellis family originated in France, but a branch of it came to this country many years ago and were early settlers of Pennsylvania, where they flourished as large farmers. Thomas Phellis, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of that State. He came to Butler County, Ohio, in the very early days of

its settlement, coming by the way of the Ohio River to Cincinnati. The mother of our subject, who is still living in Butler County, was Marilda Brundage in her maiden days. She was born in Beaver County, Pa., seventy years ago, and came to Butler County when a small girl with her parents, who were both natives of Pennsylvania. Her mother lived to be ninety years old. The parents of our subject were married in Butler County, and then located at New Haven, in Hamilton County, whence they afterward went to Cincinnati. They were the parents of the following eight children, all of whom grew to maturity: Cyron A., the wife of James Snyder, who was for many years Commissioner of Mercer County, of which he is a prominent citizen; Elvira, who married William Roberts, and is now dead; Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Taylor Salsburry, of Canton, Fulton County, Ill.; William B., a prominent farmer of Butler County; Charles; Jacob W., a merchant of Okeana, Butler County; Robert W., a resident of Cottonwood Falls, Wis.; and John L., a resident of Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio.

The subject of this biography is the fourth child and second son of his parents. At the age of nine years, he had the misfortune to lose his father, and then came to Pike Township to live with his uncle, Charles Phellis, who was a large land-holder here, and very prominent. He had attended school in his native place, and he was given fine educational advantages after he came to live with his uncle. He went first to the local district school in Pike Township, then entered the High School at Mechanicsburgh, and finally completed his studies in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, of which he was a pupil four years. He was but a boy when the war broke out, yet the following year found him in the ranks, although he was but seventeen years old when he enlisted in Company D, Sixty-sixth Ohio Infantry. Notwithstanding his youth, he displayed fine soldierly qualities when in active service, but his health gave way under the privations and hardships that he had to endure, and at the end of seven months he was honorably discharged on account of disability.

Returning to Pike Township after his trying experiences of army life, our subject continued his residence with his uncle for some years, and in 1865 began business for himself as a farmer and stock-raiser. After his marriage, in the summer of 1869, he settled immediately on a farm a mile north of the one on which he now resides, and which he still owns. He remained on that until 1890, when he took possession of this one. He has here a commodious and finely-built residence, roomy and well-arranged barns and other first-class buildings, and all the conveniences of a model farm. He and his family are the proprietors of twenty-two hundred acres of valuable land, all in one body in Pike Township, about forty acres of it in heavy timber, and the rest under a perfect system of cultivation, or devoted to pasturage, and provided with various dwellings, barns, granaries and other outbuildings. All of the land is under our subject's personal supervision, and all the details of agriculture on a large scale are carried on in the most orderly manner. He gives much of his attention to stock-raising with marked success, and is a leader in that industry in this part of Madison County. He has a fine herd of two hundred cattle of the purest stock best adapted to this locality, has six hundred sheep of superior grades, one hundred and fifty hogs, and many horses of fine strain.

Mr. Phellis was married August 3, 1869, to Miss Clara A., the youngest daughter of William and Adalaide Guy, of Pike Township. Her father, who has attained the venerable age of ninety-eight years, has been long and favorably known throughout the township and county. Mrs. Phellis was born in Pike Township, August 14, 1850. She is a woman of true culture and is finely educated. She studied at the Female College at Cleveland, pursued a course at Sanford College, and also attended the Ohio Wesleyan Seminary at Delaware. She presides ably over her household, understanding full well the art of making a cozy and attractive home. Her congenial marriage with our subject has brought them two daughters and three sons of whom the following is recorded: Nellie A., born October 5, 1872, is a graduate in the Class of '92, of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware; Charles Waite, born July 15, 1875, has been

an attendant at the military school at Gambier; Verne H. was born June 10, 1881; Fullington Guy, April 1, 1888; and Ethel Greeley, March 23, 1890.

Our subject's sagacity in business matters, clear, comprehensive, well-trained intellect, and his broad outlook on life generally, have brought him to the front as a valuable civic official, and he has held various responsible positions. He was Trustee of Pike Township and Township Clerk ten years, was at one time Justice of the Peace, and for one term was County Commissioner. It is said of him that "he is a true gentleman in every sense of the word;" he is always courteous and affable in his intercourse with others, and a warm-hearted and generous friend to all with whom he is associated. He is an entertaining conversationalist, and his talent for literary work has been turned to account during the last ten years, by his acting as correspondent of the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C., for Madison County. In politics, he is a strong Republican. Socially, he is a member of Stephen Baxter Post No. 88, G. A. R., at Mechanicsburgh.

EVAN PHILLIPS. It is owing to the energy and practical ability of such men as our subject that Pickaway County enjoys the reputation of being one of the best developed and richest agricultural centers in Ohio. He is the fortunate proprietor of a large farm in Pickaway Township that ranks among the first and choicest to be found on the historical and fertile Pickaway Plains, in regard to its handsome appointments, cultivation and productiveness, and also as to its value as a stock farm.

Mr. Phillips was born in Lancaster County, Pa., June 3, 1835. His father, William Phillips, who was a competent carpenter and also a farmer, came to Ohio in 1850, and was a resident of Guernsey County until his removal to Kansas, where he died at the ripe age of eighty-two years. His wife, whose maiden name was Priscilla White, preceded him in death. They had eight children, of whom seven are living.

Our subject is the fourth child of his parents and passed his early life on a farm in his native State, attending the district schools during his boyhood. He was about fifteen years old when the family came to Ohio, and the following year he started out to earn his own living, as he was an independent, resolute lad, with a well-formed ambition to make his own way in the world and achieve success by the use of the strong muscles and clear brain with which he was gifted. He began work at $9 a month, obtaining better wages as he grew older, and was in the employ of others eleven years. It is needless to say that a young man of his calibre and persistent nature made and wisely saved money, and at the expiration of that time turned his attention to farming for himself. His farm contains four hundred acres of valuable land, of which nearly three hundred acres lie on the famed Pickaway Plains. It is a beautiful farm and in a fine condition, with every appointment found on a model grain and stock farm. Its fine buildings are ample and adapted to the purposes for which they are intended, and an elegant frame house, of a modern style of architecture, erected in 1891, adds to the attractiveness of the place, and the farm with its well cultivated acres is a pleasing feature in the landscape. Mr. Phillips has it well stocked with all kinds of high-bred stock, and from that source, as well as from the grain and other products that he raises, he has a large yearly income.

The marriage of Mr. Phillips with Miss Ellen J. Hitler was solemnized April 19, 1862, and is a most congenial union. Mrs. Phillips is a native of Pickaway County, born in Washington Township, and a daughter of Jacob Hitler, one of its early settlers, of whom mention is made elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips have ten children, all of whom have had fine educational advantages. They are Charles, Nelson, Florence E., Josephine E., Della, Maud, Dennis E., Rose O., Lilly C., and Arthur W. Charles married Miss Elizabeth Bartley, and lives in Washington Township. Florence E. married Jacob Ludwig and they live in Pickaway Township. The other children are at home.

Our subject and his family stand high in social circles, and are noted for the pleasant hospitalities

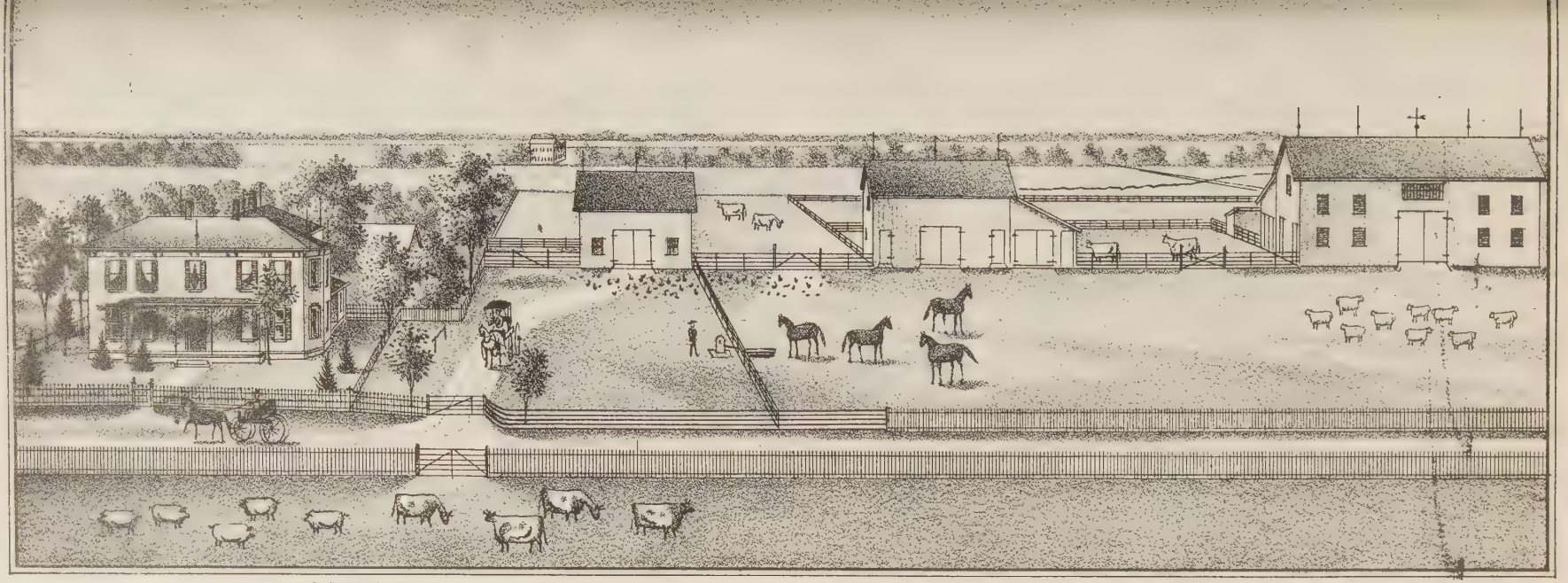
which they dispense to their numerous friends in their charming home. He is unswerving in his loyalty to the Democratic party. He has served as a Trustee of his township three years, and is a man of genuine public spirit, who generously aids all movements in any way calculated to advance the interests of township or county.

ROBERT C. PARKER is a farmer and stockman of wide experience and business qualifications of a high order, who has been an important agent in developing the rich agricultural resources of Fayette, his native county. He is one of the first of his class in Paint Township, where he has a large and finely equipped farm, situated two and one-half miles north, and a little west, of Bloomingburgh. Upon the place he has erected a beautiful residence, a view of which accompanies this sketch.

Mr. Parker was born in Marion Township, November 28, 1828. His father, John Parker, who was one of the foremost pioneers of Fayette County in his day, was a Virginian by birth. He was married in his native State to Mary A. Whiteman, who was born in the same place as himself. Soon after marriage, he brought his bride to Ohio, in 1826, to brave the hardships and trials of frontier life, in order to build up a comfortable home for themselves. He bought two hundred acres of land in Marion Township, but after living upon it five years, removed with his family to Paint Township, and bought seven hundred and fifty acres of land, which he afterward developed into one of the finest farms in the neighborhood, and that was his home until he closed his eyes in death, at the age of seventy-three, in the year 1873. He was a man of large enterprise, and acquired wealth and prominence as a farmer and stockman. In early life, he was a Whig, and in later years the Republican party had in him an earnest advocate, from the time of its formation until the hour of his death. He was Township Trustee for many years, and had the interests of his community at heart at all times. Religiously, he was of the Presbyterian faith, and was a member of the church of that denomination at Bloomingburgh. His wife survived him until 1883, and then passed away at the age of seventy-five. They were the parents of six children, four daughters and two sons, all of whom grew to maturity, and two of whom are still living, our subject, and his sister, Mrs. Hannah B. Barker, of Paint Township. Their paternal grandfather, Robert Parker, was a native of Virginia, and is supposed to have been of Irish descent.

Robert C. Parker, of this biographical record, is the second child and first-born son of his parents. His education was conducted in the common schools of his boyhood days, and on his father's farm he was well trained in agricultural pursuits. He continued to assist his father in the management of his extensive farming interests until he was twenty-seven years old, and at that age took upon himself the responsibilities of domestic life, being married January 29, 1856, to Miss Margaret Selsor, who has nobly performed her part in the upbuilding of their home, proving to be a true home-maker, devoted to the interests of her household. Mrs. Parker is a native of Madison County, and was born June 13, 1832, a daughter of Frederic and Mary (Rankin) Selsor, the former of whom was an early settler of the State, coming here in 1815. Her father was born in Virginia, and her mother was a native of Fayette County. The former died at the age of eighty-six, and the latter when forty-two years old. Our subject and his wife have had two children: Alice M., who died at the age of eleven years; and William S., who married Miss Eva Creath, and resides on his father's farm.

Immediately after his marriage, Mr. Parker located on the farm in Paint Township on which he still lives. It was mostly in its natural condition when it came into his possession, but he has wrought a wonderful transformation, whereby it has become one of the best ordered farms in the county, its four hundred and eighty acres of rich soil nearly all under cultivation, and valuable improvements on every hand adding to its worth and attractiveness. A substantial class of buildings adorn the place, the handsome and commodi-



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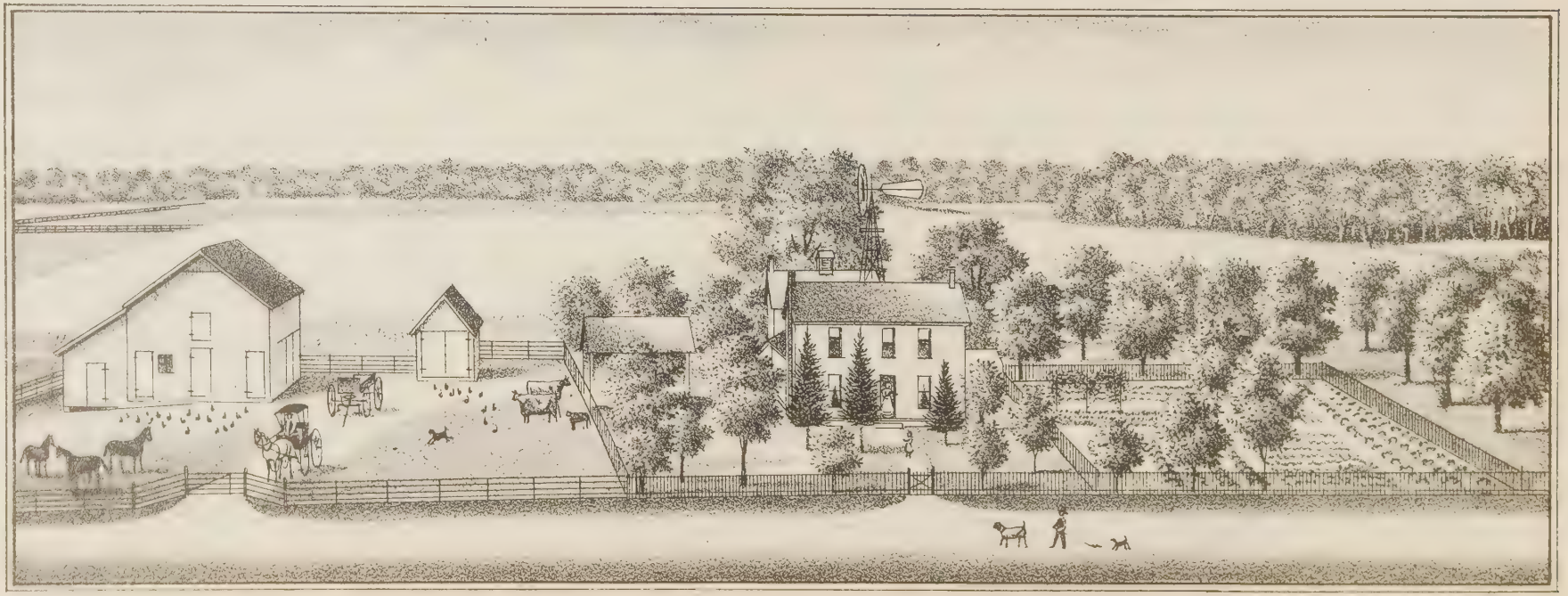

RESIDENCE OF ADAM NEBBERGALL, WAYNE TP., FAYETTE CO., OHIO.

ous residence, of a pleasing style of architecture, being built in 1881, at a cost of $6,000. Mr. Parker is now interested principally in raising stock, devoting the most of the grain grown on his farm to feeding his stock. He has three hundred hogs, fifty head of cattle of superior breeds, beside other well-bred stock.

Our subject is endowed with strength of mind and native ability, and his sensible, practical views on all subjects with which he is familiar give him weight and influence in the community. In his active and busy career he has not stayed to ask if life is worth living, but has made it so by always doing the duty nearest at hand. In this way he has acquired wealth, and gained the universal respect of his community. He is a Republican, who stands by his party whether defeat or victory perches on its banners. He was Township Trustee some years, and made a good record as a civic official, who looked carefully after the interests entrusted to him.

ADAM NEBBERGALL, who has for many years been engaged in farming and stock-raising in Wayne Township, occupies a high place among the farmers of Fayette County, to whose intelligence and industry is greatly owing its substantial progress. A native of Ohio, his birth occurred in Ross County in 1819, he being the youngest of twelve children born into the pioneer home of Henry and Nancy Nebbergall, who were natives of Virginia.

The mother of our subject died at the time of his birth and his father followed not many years after, as he never saw him but once after he was large enough to remember. Thus sadly orphaned on the very threshold of life, our subject was at once taken by his aunt, Mrs. Wagy. At the age of eight years, he was bound out to Isaac Monroe, but as that gentleman had a large family of his own, he could not clothe and care for the little orphan properly, and so two years later he went to live with an elder brother, with whom he remained a short time, and until he was seventeen years old he lived with several different people, finding no permanent home. At that age, he went on a farm to work by the month for a small amount of money, and remained there eight years.

When our subject was twenty-five years old, he was married to Eliza, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Parrett, whose sketch is given in that of John H. Parrett. After marriage, Mr. Nebbergall came at once to Fayette County and for a short time rented a farm. Later, he bought twenty-five acres of land that are now included in his present farm, borrowing money with which to make the first payment. The ambitious, energetic and diligent young pioneer set to work with a good will to improve a farm, having but $14 left after he had settled on his homestead. He possessed a thoughtful, vigorous intellect, was a good scholar, and keenly feeling his early lack of school privileges, set about obtaining a higher education after he was of age, and went to school until he was fitted for a teacher, which profession he followed both in Ross and Fayette Counties, proving to be a most excellent instructor. His principal occupation through life has been farming, however, and he has met with more than ordinary success in his vocation. He has purchased over four hundred acres of land, paying for it all with money obtained by his own labors, and is one of the most prosperous farmers of his township. His first house was built of logs and had a clapboard roof and a mud and stick chimney. This has been superseded by a roomy modern dwelling, and a good set of farm buildings adorn the place, a view of which is presented to our readers.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nebbergall have been born three children, of whom two are deceased: Sarah A., who died in infancy, and Joseph M., who died at the age of twenty-three. Their only surviving child is Mary E., the wife of Emmit King and the mother of five children.

Our subject is a Republican of excellent standing in his party. His first vote was cast for Gen. William H. Harrison, and during the last Presidential campaign of 1888, he had the pleasure of supporting the grandson of the hero of Tippecanoe at the polls. During the late war, when Morgan, the bold rebel raider, was creating terror and havoc through-

out the southern part of the State, Mr. Nebbergall promptly responded to the call for troops to drive the rebels away, and did good service during the fifteen days in which they were engaged in routing them. He has also shown himself to be a public-spirited and useful civic official in the various township offices that he has held from time to time. He is an Elder in the Pisgah Church and a man whose Christian living proves the sincerity of his religious belief.

SAMUEL TAYLOR, who is one of the prominent farmers of Darby Township, Madison County, was born on the farm where he now lives, August 23, 1817. He is thus one of the oldest residents of the township and is well and honorably known to all the citizens of Plain City, as his farm, which is located on the banks of the Big Darby Creek, lies only one-half mile east of the city. His father, Richard Taylor, was probably a Kentuckian by birth and his early training was received in Kentucky. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Polly M. McDuffe, and was also a Kentuckian. They came from their native home to Union County, Ohio, and located in what is now Plain City in 1805, but after that they returned to Kentucky and remained for two years before permanently settling in Darby Township. Their farm was covered by a dense forest, and Indians were their most numerous neighbors. When they first moved into their log house, it had no floor, and wild animals were frequently about their door. There they made their home through life, the mother dying at the age of seventy years and the father surviving to enter upon his tenth decade. Of their seven children, all but one grew to reach years of maturity.

Our subject is the youngest in his parents' family and the only one who is now living. His whole life of seventy-five years has been spent upon the farm where he was born. In 1839, he was united in marriage with Eunice Allen, and they became the parents of two children, who grew to womanhood, namely: Mary, who is now the wife of Eli Shover, of Darby Township, and Sarah, who is Mrs. David Brown, and resides near Mechanicsburgh, Ohio. Mrs. Taylor died about 1850, leaving the daughters motherless.

The present Mrs. Taylor was known in maidenhood as Rosina Kent, and to her were born two daughters and one son. The eldest, Rachel, is the wife of Wayne Kiser, of Plain City. Mahala is Mrs. Roy Ramsey, and she and her husband reside with her father. Samuel E. was called from earth after he reached the age of thirty-seven years.

Our subject has a farm of over four hundred acres on his home place, and another of two hundred acres elsewhere in the township, besides two hundred and fifteen in Jerome Township, Union County, and most of this is under cultivation. When his father first came to this region, there were no schoolhouses and no pikes here and he has helped to build many miles of the latter. He is now the oldest native-born man in the county, and has been a Republican from the time he was old enough to vote, and has held various local offices, having been School Director, and Township Trustee for many years, and having filled the office of Supervisor of Roads. Although he is not a member of any church, he is a believer in the doctrines of Christianity and a liberal contributor to the support of its institutions. His present home is in a handsome brick house which he erected many years ago.

ANDREW J. VAN NESS, a hardware dealer of Mt. Sterling, began business in this line in 1891. He was at first associated in partnership with Mr. Passwater, but after six months the connection was discontinued and our subject has been alone. He has already built up a good trade by his industry, good management and courteous treatment, and has secured the confidence and good-will of all. He was born in Rossie Township, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., on the 3d of May, 1841, and is a son of Jeremiah and Maria (Vrooman) Van Ness. His parents

were also natives of the Empire State, both born and reared near Schenectady, N. Y., and were of Holland Dutch descent. The father was a glass-blower in early life but followed farming in St. Lawrence County.

Our subject was born and reared upon the farm. His early education, acquired in the common schools, was supplemented by a two-years' course in the Antwerp Academy, which he attended between the ages of nineteen and twenty-one years. He then returned home and began operating his father's land. In December, 1864, he determined to seek his home in the West and came to Madison County, Ohio. For about two years, he was engaged in carrying the mail between Washington C. H. and Columbus, going on horseback when the roads were bad and with a hack when the roads were passable, at which time he also carried passengers. He next worked by the month at whatever he could find to do and from his earnings managed to save a small sum.

When he had a little capital, Mr. Van Ness was united in marriage, December 14, 1871, to Miss Sarah Douglass, one of the fair daughters of Mt. Sterling. Her parents were David H. and Dorothy (Yocum) Douglass. Two children have been born unto our subject and his wife: Zoa, who was born February 9, 1872, and graduated from the Mt. Sterling High School in 1891; and Wade D., born August 26, 1880. They also lost a daughter, Ella, who died October 10, 1888, at the age of twelve years and was buried in Pleasant Cemetery.

After his marriage, Mr. Van Ness engaged in business with his father-in-law as a dealer in general merchandise and continued his operations in that line for some thirteen years with good success. In this way he got a start in life and secured a home. In 1885, under President Cleveland, he was appointed Postmaster and served for four years, when the change in administration caused his retirement. About a year later, he embarked in his present business as before stated. He is sagacious and far-sighted and well deserves a prosperous career.

Mr. Van Ness proudly cast his first vote in 1864 for Gen. George B. McClelland, and has since been a stalwart advocate of Democratic principles. He has served for two terms as Justice of the Peace and for two terms as City Councilman, and his duties were promptly and faithfully performed.

JOSEPH C. HARPER, Treasurer of Pickaway County and City Treasurer of Circleville, is widely known throughout Ohio and well deserves representation in this volume. He was born five miles west of Lancaster, in Fairfield County, Ohio, September 2, 1831. His paternal grandfather came to this State about 1801, but after two years returned with his entire family. He was a planter and was of Scotch-Irish descent, being a direct descendant of the founder of Harper's Ferry.

Alex Harper, father of our subject, was born in Berkeley County, Va., and about 1825 came to Ohio. He located and improved a farm near Lancaster, where he remained until 1840, when he removed to Lima, Ohio. He afterwards returned to Fairfield County and subsequently engaged in the hotel business in Tarlton, Pickaway County. He was also one of the early teachers of the State. In 1855, he settled in Peoria, Ill., where he died three years later, at the age of fifty-eight. Of the Methodist Church he was a prominent member. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Cunningham, was born near Lancaster, in 1812. The death of Mrs. Harper occurred in 1881. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Her father, Robert Cunningham, was a native of Berkeley County, Va., and went by team to Fairfield County, in 1801. He enlisted in the War of 1812, under Gen. Sanderson, and was killed at the battle of Ft. Meigs. His wife reared the family and lived to be eighty years of age. She could handle a rifle as well as a man and was a remarkable woman in many respects. She was well read and was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject's great uncle, Samuel Harper, built the first gristmill in Fairfield County.

In the family of Alexander Harper were four sons and two daughters who grew to mature years: Samuel A., who enlisted at the first call for troops

and served throughout the late war, becoming Lieutenant, now resides in Peoria, and is prominent in Grand Army circles, having served as Commander of Illinois; John J., who was in the one hundred days' service, was ten years Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the Portsmouth district and is a prominent attorney of Washington C. H.; William H. is a prominent farmer of Peoria County, Ill.; one sister died in that county, and Mrs. Mary Williamson is living in the same county.

Our subject was the eldest of the family. He acquired a common-school education and at the age of nineteen began teaching. After teaching in the district schools, he served as Principal of the schools in Lancaster, Ohio, from 1862 until 1865, was Superintendent of the Bucyrus schools for six years, of the Sidney schools for one year, the Waverly schools for two years and the Newark school for three years. He was eminently successful as an instructor. In 1880, he located in Columbus and was interested in railroad projects. In 1884, he located in Circleville and for six months was Principal of the Madison Township High School. In the fall of 1885, he became Deputy County Treasurer and in 1888 was elected Treasurer and was re-elected in 1890.

On the 6th of October, 1853, in Tarlton, Prof. Harper married Miss Susan Foust. Her father, Andrew Foust, who was born in Delaware County, Ohio, was a carpenter by trade and died in 1883. He was also a prominent politician, representing his county in each house of the Legislature. His father, Jacob Foust, a native of Pennsylvania, was the first white man who ever raised a crop north of Columbus, Ohio. The mother of Mrs. Harper, whose maiden name was Rachel Drum, is seventy-nine years old. They have an adopted daughter, Mary E., whom they reared from childhood. She graduated from the Pleasantville Collegiate Institute and is the wife of T. E. Mithoff of Flagstaff, Ariz. Her only daughter, Marvene Harper, finds a home with our subject.

Mr. Harper is the owner of a highly improved farm of one hundred and fifty-two acres in Salt Creek Township, besides his pleasant residence on Scioto Street. Since 1853, he has been a member of the Odd Fellows' society and holds membership with the Reformed Church. In politics, he is a stalwart Democrat, has served as a member of the City Council from the Fourth Ward, is serving his second term as County Treasurer and is also City Treasurer. His public duties have been discharged with promptness and fidelity, thus winning him the commendation of all. In connection with educational interests, Mr. Harper has formed a wide acquaintance throughout the State. He was instrumental in organizing the first Teachers' institute in Fairfield County, and has lectured and taught in various institutes throughout the State. He is acquainted with all the prominent teachers in Ohio, for his lecture and institute work have brought him in contact with many. He deserves much credit for what he has done in the interests of education and his work has been of acknowledged worth.

WILLIAM RENICK was for many years one of the most prominent agriculturists of the Scioto Valley. He died at his home in Circleville, in May, 1881, and in his death the community lost one of its best citizens. Tradition says that the Renick family is of German origin, its ancestors having emigrated from the Fatherland to Scotland to escape religious persecution. The name underwent a change from Reinwick to Renwich. In time, one of the family was created a peer. He purchased the property of his two brothers, who, with their father, emigrated to America and settled in Eastern Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Hardy County, Va., locating on the south bank of the Potomac. Their descendants are now scattered all over the country. In the meantime, the name was again changed to Rennick, and finally one N was dropped, making it its present form. For more than two hundred years the Renick family has been represented in this country, and many of its members have attained prominence in various lines of business. One characteristic of the family is that of never being office-seekers.

William Renick, grandfather of our subject, was a direct descendant of the emigrants, and was

reared in Hardy County, Va. For a time, he served as Deputy Surveyor under Lord Fairfax. He had four sons, Felix, George, Thomas and William, who all located in the Scioto Valley, between the years of 1797 and 1803. His daughters all married, but remained in Virginia. George Renick, father of our subject, was born in Hardy County, Va., September 7, 1776, and spent his early boyhood days upon a farm, and in his youth clerked in a store in Moorefield, Va. He was twice married. In September, 1802, he wedded Miss Dorothy Harness, of his native county, and they had ten children, seven of whom are living. She died in December, 1820, and in 1825 Mr. Renick married Mrs. Sarah Boggs, a sister of Gen. James Denny.

Mr. Renick first visited Ohio in 1797. A few months later, he again came, and witnessed the nailing of the first shingle that ever graced a roof in the city of Chillicothe. He afterward went through the wilderness to Kentucky, where he spent the winter, returning to Virginia the following spring. He did not make a permanent location in Ohio until the autumn of 1802, when he was married and took his bride to Chillicothe. He opened the largest general merchandise store in that place at that time, and afterward engaged extensively in stock-raising. With wonderful foresight, he saw that corn would become one of the staple products of the valley, and believed it could be raised and fed to cattle with good advantage. In the winter of 1804–05, he fed a considerable number, which he marketed the following spring in Baltimore. The result was highly satisfactory, and in 1808, having accumulated a large landed property, he retired from merchandising and devoted his energies to farming and stock-raising, having at this time a number of blooded horses, cattle and hogs. His health, which was never robust, failed him in 1816, and on the advice of Dr. Scott, he removed to Woodford County, Ky., selling off much of his fine stock. He retained only a few head of favorite cattle. His health received no benefit from the change, and he returned to Ohio in the fall of the same year. From that time, he gave his attention almost exclusively to the raising of fine cattle, and raised some of the largest animals of this kind ever produced in the United States. He was very successful, and was an honored citizen. In 1844, he was made a Presidential elector on the Whig ticket, and voted for Henry Clay, his early personal friend. In religious belief, he was a strong Presbyterian.

William Renick, the subject of this sketch, was born in Chillicothe County, November 12, 1804, and commenced doing an extensive business at the early age of fifteen and a half years, on account of his father's health. It was intended that he should pursue a full classical education, but this interfered with his doing so. On attaining his majority, he entered into active business life on his own account, and became a prominent and wealthy farmer and stock-raiser. He engaged in feeding and grazing cattle on an extensive scale, having on hand as high as three hundred head. He made extensive shipments to the Eastern markets, and was one of the largest drovers in the State. He purchased and brought from Texas, in 1854, twelve hundred head of cattle, the first lot of Texas cattle in large numbers ever brought to this county. He was a sagacious and far-sighted business man, and was widely known as a leading drover.

Mr. Renick was three times married, but left no children. His last marriage was with Miss Josie Pearce, who was born near Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Lewis and Catherine (Vanmater) Pearce, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Virginia. Her father was a soldier in the war with Mexico, and in the Civil War became a member of the Seventeenth Ohio Infantry, and was commissioned Lieutenant.

Mr. Renick was the inventor of the present mode of constructing turnpike roads. For nearly three years, he constantly importuned the Directors of the Columbus and Portsmouth Company to adopt his system, which from its cheapness and usefulness has long since been the only plan of construction used in the West. On account of being out of funds, the Directors consented to try it, and on account of its great usefulness it has since been adopted. Mr. Renick was a stanch Republican and his articles on Currency of

the Country, the Dollar of the Daddies,' Revenue Tariff, Free Trade, Banks and Banking Systems, etc., did much to mold public opinion. He was a ready writer, and penned a number of communications of interest to farmers, including those on Blue Grass, Short-horns, Thoroughbred Cattle of Ohio, and the Early Cattle Trade of Ohio.

Mr. Renick was active, enterprising and highly public-spirited, although he labored from early age under the dire misfortune of a partial, and during his last twenty-five years almost a total, loss of hearing. His widow, who is a most estimable lady, still resides at the family residence on the corner of Fourth and Mound Streets.

JACOB TAYLOR, who is one of the eldest-born sons of Madison County, a representative of one of its early pioneer families, has for many years been closely identified with the farmers who have been prominent in the development of its agricultural resources, and he has built up one of the most beautiful homes in Canaan Township, on the fine large farm that he has improved, two and one-half miles south of Plain City.

Our subject was born in Canaan Township, February 20, 1819. This part of the country was then but little advanced from its primitive condition, and he remembers well the pioneer surroundings amid which he grew up. Wild game was plentiful in the forests, along the streams and on the prairies, and he used to indulge in the pleasures of the chase occasionally. At one time he killed a deer by cutting its throat with an axe, while his faithful dog fought the animal, and he could tell of many another hunting adventure. His father, William Taylor, a native of Virginia, was one of the early settlers of Madison County, coming to Ohio in 1806 from Kentucky, and locating in Darby Township. He was subsequently married, in Canaan Township, to Elizabeth Casto, a native of New Jersey, coming from that State to Ohio with her parents in 1808. They located on the present site of Cincinnati. After marriage, the Taylors began their wedded life on a farm in Darby Township, but they afterward came to Canaan Township, where the father died in his sixty-fourth year, and the mother in her seventy-eighth year. They had fourteen children, of whom nine grew to maturity, and four of them are still living.

Our subject is the fourth of the family in order of birth. His first schooling was obtained in Darby Township, in a rudely built house, 16x16 feet in dimensions, with a mud and stick chimney, and his education was completed in the district schools of Canaan Township. When he was nineteen years of age, his father died, and he continued at home on the old farm with his mother and the rest of the family to assist in managing the farm until he was twenty-three years old. When he started in life for himself, he worked as a farm laborer, getting $12 a month for wages, or $2 more than the regular price, as he was so capable and helpful. As wages became lower, he afterward obtained only $10 a month. For cutting cordwood he had twenty cents a cord, and mauled rails for twenty cents a hundred. He was an expert in both, and could cut three cords of wood a day and split from two hundred to two hundred and fifty rails a day. He was ambitious to build up a home, and made up his mind that he would never marry until he had the wherewithal to do so. Accordingly, he was frugal and prudent, saved up his earnings, and in due time bought one hundred and three acres of land in Canaan Township, and had it all paid for before he took unto himself a wife. After marriage, he lived on the parental homestead until he took up his residence on his own farm, which under his care has become a very attractive home. It embraces five hundred and forty acres of as fine and well-cultivated land as is to be found in Madison County, and is in every way substantially improved. Its broad fields yield abundant harvests, its pastures afford feed for the excellent class of stock that he raises, and its buildings are neat and orderly, and of a handsome style of architecture, especially the commodious and elegant residence that was erected in 1878 at a cost of $5,000.

Mr. Taylor was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Kilgore, April 8, 1845. She, too, is a na-

tive of Madison County, born in 1827. A wedded life of forty-seven years has brought them much happiness, and among its blessings are the children and born unto them, five in number, three daughters two sons, namely: Sarah, who is deceased; Zachary, a resident of Darby Township; William, who lives with his parents, and superintends the management of the farm; Jane, who died in infancy; and Cora, wife of C. H. Andrew, of Canaan Township.

This brief record of the life and work of our subject shows that he is eminently a self-made man, who has struggled nobly against heavy odds to carry out his aims, and has succeeded as only such a man can, who works steadily, exercises cool judgment and due discrimination in business matters, and is scrupulously honorable in all his transactions. His name stands among the highest in financial circles, and he is regarded with the respect due to his age and position by his fellow-townsmen. He was in early life a Whig, and in 1840 cast his first Presidential vote for the illustrious grandfather of our present Chief Magistrate, and is a bona fide Republican to-day.

D. H. SQUIRE, M. D., of Ashville, is a well-trained and progressive physician, who stands with the foremost of his profession in Pickaway County, and he is also prominent in its public and social life as one of its leading citizens. He is a native of Ontario, Canada, and was born October 22, 1850. His parents, John S. and Melissa (Denys) Squire, are natives, respectively, of Vermont and Ontario. His paternal grandfather was of English birth. When our subject was sixteen years of age, he accompanied his parents in their migration from their old Canadian home to Carroll County, Mo., where they lived a few years. They finally removed to Harper County, Kan., and there the father still resides. For many years he has been a minister, and, though he is past eighty years old, he still preaches occasionally with much of his old-time fervor and greatly to the acceptance of his hearers.

Our subject gained his education in various schools in different parts of the country. He laid the foundation of his learning in the public schools of Canada and Missouri. For three winters, he attended a night school, in connection with the High School, at Columbus, Ohio. He taught a district school in Missouri for two years, and while an engineer in Columbus, Ohio, running a stationary engine for the Columbus Chair Factory, he conceived the idea of studying medicine, and employed as a preceptor Dr. Baldwin, to whom he would recite three nights in a week, studying whenever he could get an opportunity while at his work. He remained under Dr. Baldwin's instruction two years, and then, returning to Missouri, he taught two years, continuing his studies in the meantime, and in the fall of 1878 he entered the Columbus Medical College to further fit himself for his chosen calling. He was graduated from that institution in 1880 with honor, having sustained a high rank for scholarship throughout the course.

After leaving college, the Doctor selected Ashville as his future home and soon was recognized as a valuable acquisition to the citizenship of this section of Pickaway County. He has made his mark as a physician of rare merit, who combines a sound practical knowledge of the various branches of medicine with the genial courtesy and ready tact that have gained him a strong hold, both in the confidence and the hearts of the people to whose ills he so successfully administers in the course of a large and lucrative practice. He has made his influence felt in various ways since becoming a resident of this place, and is always found among the first to advocate desirable improvements or any enterprise that will in any way enhance local or county interests, He is one of the leading politicians of this part of the State, a representative Republican, and, besides being a member of the Harrison Township Republican Central Committee, he belongs to the County Executive Committee. His social relations are with Pickaway Lodge No. 747, I. O. O. F., and with Lodge No. 3005, K. of H., of which he is Trustee. Religiously, he and his amiable wife are members in high standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We cannot close this brief biography of the

Doctor without some reference to the pleasant domestic life that has contributed in no small degree, not only to his personal happiness and comfort, but to his material success in life. June 6, 1878, is the date of his marriage with Miss Florence Croswell, who presides over his home with true grace and makes it the center of a charming hospitality. Their cozy household is completed by the two children born unto them: Clarence and Chester C.

HARVEY D. MARCY, of Mt. Sterling, claims Massachusetts as the State of his nativity. He was born in Berkshire County, November 13, 1835, and is a son of Elijah L. and Amanda (Garfield) Marcy. His mother was a distant relative of President Garfield, and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Allen, was a relative of Col. Ethan Allen, of Revolutionary fame. His father was of a somewhat roving disposition, and our subject removed with his parents to Crawford County, Pa.; to Freedom Township, in Portage County, Ohio; to Lennox, near Lake Erie; then to Kingsville, and subsequently to Wayne, Ashtabula County, and when he was a lad of twelve summers, he became a resident of Troy, Geauga County.

Mr. Marcy obtained his education in the common schools and at Hiram College. At the age of sixteen, he received a certificate and began teaching, and for many years taught each winter after he was seventeen years of age. At the age of nineteen, he went to South Bloomfield, where he was employed as Principal of the Union School. About this time, he was married, on the 10th of June, 1862, in White Oak, Fayette County, to Miss Catherine S. Cook. They spent the summer in Geauga County, and then returned to Fayette County, where Mr. Marcy engaged in teaching in the winter. His wife died in 1864. He was again married, July 31, 1866, this time to Mary A. Cook, a daughter of Isaac T. and Elizabeth (Lewis) Cook, and a sister of his first wife. He taught but one winter after his second marriage. He had been engaged in teaching each winter from the age of seventeen years. For his first term of school he received only $14 per month, but he afterwards received $50 per month. Mr. Marcy now turned his attention to farming, having purchased one hundred and seventy acres from Mr. Cook. He also bought an additional one hundred acre tract. His landed possessions now aggregate seven hundred and thirty acres. Abandoning the farm, he came to Mt. Sterling in 1873, in order to better educate his children.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Marcy have been born the following children, of whom seven are living: Rena S., who was born in Madison Township, Fayette County, July 14, 1867, graduated with the first honors of her class in 1888, and is now the wife of Seymour Renick, a railroad employe, residing in Muncie, Ind.; Scott Harrison, who was born January 10, 1869, graduated from the Mt. Sterling High School in the Class of '89, is now married, and, with his wife and one child, resides upon the farm in Madison Township, Fayette County; Elizabeth Lewis, who was born in Madison Township, Fayette County, June 16, 1870, and graduated in the Class of '86, was taken with consumption, and went to Florida for her health, but it was soon seen that she could not recover, and she expressed a desire to return home, but died on the sleeping-car a little north of Chattanooga, January 21, 1892. Her remains were interred in Pleasant Cemetery. Albert Milton, born June 20, 1872, is now studying dentistry in Mt. Sterling; Lora C., born April 14, 1874, died February 13, 1875; William Harry, born June 24, 1876, and Margaret Cook, born January 7, 1880, are both in school; Nellie Allen was born March 1, 1883; Daniel Franklin, who was born October 1, 1887, died in 1889; and Charles Sherman, who was born October 30, 1890.

Mr. Marcy cast his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont, and followed the fortunes of the Republican party until late years, since which time he has voted with the Prohibition party. The cause of education finds in him a warm friend, and he has done effective service in its interests while serving on the School Board. He was Clerk and Treasurer of the School Board for several years, and has been its President for a number of years. Himself and wife are members of the Christian

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Church, in the work of which he takes an active part, being now Superintendent of the Sunday-school. His life has been well and worthily spent, and by his sterling worth and integrity, he has won the high respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

JOHN McCAFFERTY, SR., whose long and successful career as a farmer in Monroe Township shows him to be above the average in business ability, and who is still strong and active notwithstanding that he has passed the eightieth milestone of a long and honorable life, is of the earliest pioneer stock of Ohio, and is himself one of the old settlers of Pickaway County, who has witnessed much of its development during the fifty and more years that he has lived within its borders.

Our subject was born near Frankfort, Ross County, Ohio, January 22, 1812, a son of John McCafferty, who was a native of Kentucky. The father of the latter bore the same name as himself, and was born in Sweet Avon, Scotland. He came to America when a young man, settled in Virginia, and was there married to Miss Nellie Watts, who was a native of that State, but of Scotch antecedents. After marriage, they settled near Lexington, Ky., and lived there a great many years, he being a pioneer farmer of that section. They had a family of fourteen children, of whom eleven grew up. The grandfather of our subject finally removed with his family to the present site of Cincinnati, where he bought land, and there lived a few years. In 1790, they took up their residence in Chillicothe, as their previous dwelling place was swampy and of a malarial character. At that time, there were but three or four cabins where now the flourishing city of Chillicothe stands. The grandfather bought land there and spent the remainder of his life in that place, living to the good old age of ninety years, while his wife attained the venerable age of ninety-two years.

The father of our subject grew to a strong, stalwart manhood amid the pioneer scenes of his Kentucky birthplace. He was a great hunter and often used to indulge in the pleasures of the chase. He came with the rest of the family to Ohio and subsequently to Chillicothe, where he became very friendly with the many Indians that then lived around their new home, and spent many a day hunting with them. He was much prospered financially and owned several hundred acres of land near Frankfort, Ross County. While he was redeeming his land from the wilderness, he built and lived in a log cabin. He was sixty-nine years of age when he died, and his county lost one of its most efficient and highly respected pioneers.

During the Revolution, when he was a young man in Kentucky, Mr. McCafferty did not go to the front, but many a night he had to stand guard at home to protect the cabin and its inmates from sudden surprises by the British or Indians. He was a man of true religious feeling, and for many years was connected with the Presbyterian Church, but later in life became a Methodist. In politics, he was a Whig. The mother of our subject, who died at the age of eighty-seven years, in 1863, bore the name of Nancy Sellers, and was born in Washington, Pa., her ancestors being of the German race. She came to Ohio with a sister in 1800, made her home thereafter in Chillicothe, and was there married. She was the mother of four boys and four girls, namely: Nancy A.; Sarah, who is living; Ellen; Betsy; John, who is living; William; George, who is living, and David. The mother was a Methodist and active in church matters.

He of whom we write was born and reared on his father's farm in Ross County, and his education was conducted in the typical pioneer log school of the early years of the settlement of this State. Large open fireplaces served for heating purposes, slab benches with pin legs were the prevailing style of seats, and greased paper took the place of glass in the windows. The schools were conducted on the subscription plan, and the teacher usually had to take his pay in wheat, corn and bacon, as money was seldom to be had. Our subject worked on the farm summers and attended school winters during his boyhood. At the age of nine-

teen, he went to Chillicothe to serve an apprenticeship of three years in a tanning factory. While there he attended night school, where he learned more than he had ever learned in the district schools, and thus laid a solid foundation for the education that he added to by observation, experience and reading or study at leisure moments.

At the end of three years' apprenticeship, Mr. McCafferty worked a short time in the tannery on shares, but soon abandoned that, and going to Clarksburgh set up a tannery of his own, which he operated eight years. Next he resumed the calling to which he had been reared, and renting land near the village, conducted farming thereon eight years. In 1840, in the fall of the year, he came to Pickaway County, and bought one hundred and twenty acres of his present farm. The only improvements consisted of a log cabin and nine or ten acres of clearing. The most of the country roundabout was timbered, and he began life here in the woods. He did well in his undertakings, made money and bought additional land, so that he now has a choice farm of three hundred acres of as good farming land as can be found in this locality, all improved and very productive. It is amply supplied with buildings, including a neat frame dwelling that he built forty-five years ago, to replace the humble log cabin that originally stood here. He carries on mixed farming, and has handled a great many cattle, sheep, horses and hogs.

Mr. McCafferty was married, March 5, 1835, to Miss Mary Bowdle, who was born October 23, 1813, in one of the early pioneer homes of Ross County. Her parents were William and Anna (Brown) Bowdle, who were both natives of Maryland, the mother having been born February 13, 1777. They were married July 26, 1801, in Ross County, of which the father was a pioneer farmer and miller, owning a large tract of land and a mill on Deer Creek. He accumulated considerable wealth and died in 1842, at the advanced age of ninety-three years and two days. His wife also lived to be very aged.

Of the eight children born to our subject and his wife, three died in infancy. These survive: John S.; Mary E., Mrs. Creath; Nancy, Mrs. Williams; Jason L., and Alice, Mrs. Riggin. The good wife and mother departed this life December 23, 1882, leaving behind her a precious memory of one whose many pleasant ways and fine qualities of head and heart had made her greatly beloved by all who came under her genial influence. She was a sincere Christian and a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Our subject is widely known and greatly esteemed. He is a good type of our self-made men, as he began life for himself with no capital other than a clear, steady brain, a resolute will, and a fine capacity for well-directed labor, seconded by exceedingly sound business qualifications. With these he long ago stepped to the front among the solid moneyed men of his township. He has always held to the same political principles since the days of his early manhood, when he belonged to the Whig party and cast his first Presidential vote for Henry Clay, and when the Republican party was formed he joined its ranks, and has given it hearty support from that day to this. He has been a member of the Methodist Church since he was twenty years old, and has done much toward its upbuilding. The attention of the reader is invited to the lithographic portraits of Mr. and Mrs. McCafferty which are presented in this connection.

REV. JACOB H. SCHNEIDER, A. B., A. M., Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Circleville, and Christ Congregation in Jackson Township, was born in Jackson Township, Stark County, January 13, 1855. The family of which he is an honored member originated in Germany, where the paternal grandfather, Jacob, was a farmer; the maternal grandfather and great-grandfather were also farmers, living in the village of Hoegst. The father, Leonard, was born in Schloss Nauses, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and followed the trade of a cabinet-maker in his native country until 1841,

when he emigrated to the United States, in company with John Daum and his family.

After landing in New York, the little party proceeded up the Hudson River, crossed the State to Buffalo, and thence went by steamer to Cleveland, Ohio. Leaving the others there, John Daum made an expedition into Hocking County in search of a location. Returning as far as Massillon, he made a conditional contract for ninety-six acres lying four miles east of the city, and afterward came back to Cleveland. Leonard Schneider was then sent down to Massillon to complete the purchase and gather the crop of hay and wheat. The family followed later.

In January, 1842, Leonard Schneider and Miss Eva M., daughter of John Daum, were married, and settled on a part of the farm of his father-in-law. Mr. Schneider was a cabinet-maker by trade, but finding that there was little to do in his line of trade, engaged in carpentering work at Massillon. About 1850, he bought a farm of eighty acres in Jackson Township, Stark County (the birthplace of our subject), and with a great deal of hard labor and economy, succeeded in paying for it. In the spring of 1870, Mr. Schneider removed to the old Daum homestead, and there passed away in the same year, at the age of fifty-four years.

The mother of our subject was born in Hoegst, Germany, and still survives at the age of seventy-two, making her home at present with our subject. Her father, John Daum, was a German by birth, and when a mere lad was a teamster in Napoleon's army on the retreat from Russia. He engaged in farming in the Fatherland until 1841, when he came to America, and afterward resided in Massillon, where his death occurred at the age of four-score and six. The family found a religious home in the Lutheran Church.

The seventh among nine children in a pioneer home, our subject early aided in the work around the home, and experienced with his parents the hardships of pioneer life. He remembers that in 1859-60 the wheat crop failed entirely, and they used buckwheat bread. During war times, the children wore home-made "butternut" pants and flannel blouses to school. Each fall their father would take the hide of a heifer to the tannery, and the next autumn the boys would have their boots made of leather from it.

Although the family lived four and one-half miles from Canton, where the church was located, there were very few Sundays during the year but what some members of the family were present at services. Before the boys were old enough to walk that distance, they had a Sunday-school at home, the father acting as teacher, and in that way they learned the catechism and Biblical history. The rule was, that in good weather six of the family would ride to church and the others would walk. Our subject well remembers those trips—how they used to hang their shoes and stockings over their shoulders, and, after running through the wet grass until near town, would stop and put them on again. One summer the boys attended a school taught by a student, afterward Rev. H. A. Schulze, and for a time pastor of the Circleville church.

April 6, 1868, our subject and his brother John were confirmed by Rev. J. C. Schulze, and after the confirmation the former spent some time with his sister, Catherine, then Mrs. Johnson, meanwhile receiving the advantages of the Canton public schools. When he was fourteen, his father bought and located upon Grandfather Daum's farm, and he, with his brother William, operated a farm belonging to the latter. When William married, our subject returned to the parental home. His father had previously died, leaving the farm incumbered with debts, poor fences, rotten buildings, and in such a condition as required great industry to effect needed repairs. The deplorable condition, however, was not due to any negligence on the part of Mr. Schneider, Sr., for the farm had been neglected by Grandfather Daum for years.

When our subject's younger brother, Leonard, grew to manhood, there was not work enough on the farm to occupy the attention of all the sons, so Jacob was selected to learn a trade. After endeavoring in vain to secure a place, he hired at length to a farmer, with whom he remained one year. Later, he secured work with a carpenter at fifty cents per day and board, but not having acquired the full vigor and strength of manhood, he

over-exerted himself in lifting heavy oak timber and sustained injuries which prevented further arduous manual labor.

About that time, through the persuasions of Rev. A. H. Feldman, our subject decided to enter the ministry, and through the kindness of that gentleman he was introduced to Prof. W. F. Lehman, who was visiting at Canton, and who assisted him to be received as a part beneficiary in Capital University. In the fall of 1874, he went to Columbus, entered the college, and after five years' study, was graduated with his class, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Next our subject took a course in the theological seminary at Columbus, and after studying there two and one-half years, was called to Circleville as pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church, accepting the pastorate of that church in December, 1881. January 28, 1882, he was duly ordained and installed by Rev. D. Simon, assisted by Prof. Stellhorn, and here he has since remained, gaining a warm place in the affection of the parishioners, and enlarging and increasing the usefulness of the church. He was also the means of effecting the organization of a congregation in Jackson Township, for which he has done a noble work. In addition to other labors, he succeeded in raising the money for building the parochial school at a cost of $3,000. His congregation now numbers three hundred and twenty-five communicants, and the membership increases every year. His great capabilities and faithful work have not been unnoticed by other churches, and he has frequently been called to positions of greater prominence, but the mutual attachment existing between him and his people has always prevented the acceptance of other offers.

May 31, 1882, at Columbiana, Ohio, Rev. J. H. Schneider and Miss Anna Baeschler were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by the bride's father, assisted by Rev. A. H. Feldman. They are the parents of three children: Eva, Harvey and Sadie. In national politics, Mr. Schneider is a Democrat, and in his State political adherence has voted sometimes for the candidates of the Republican party. He is an admirer of Gov. McKinley, whom he considers one of the able men in the United States. In the synods of his denomination, many high honors have been conferred upon Mr. Schneider, and he is now serving as President of the English District of the Synod of Ohio, as well as Secretary of the Mission Board of the State Synod.

WILLIAM THOMAS, one of the self-made men of Madison County, who is engaged in farming and stock-raising in Stokes Township, was born in Grayson County, W. Va., December 18, 1813, and is a son of Moses and Catherine (Williams) Thomas. His father was a native of North Carolina, and when a boy went to Virginia, where he met and married Miss Williams, a native of Grayson County. Our subject was the eighth of nine children who were born unto them in that county. With one exception, all grew to mature years, but he has only one sister now living, Mrs. Nancy Huffman, of Stokes Township. The family emigrated to Ohio in 1823, locating in Fayette County, where the father leased two hundred acres of land and built a blacksmith shop. He worked at his trade while his sons operated the farm and there resided until his death.

Our subject was early inured to the hard labor of the farm and in his youth he also learned blacksmithing. At the age of twenty, he started out in life for himself, and soon afterward married Miss Lavina, daughter of William and Anna (Willis) Beauchamp. She was born in Clarke County, Ohio, June 20, 1815, and they were married October 10, 1833. They began their domestic life upon a rented farm and five years later Mr. Thomas purchased one hundred and fifty-seven acres of wild land, upon which not a furrow had been turned or a tree cut. He built a log house of two rooms, and began the improvement of his farm, which is now under a high state of cultivation. A pleasant residence has long since replaced the cabin home.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were born thirteen children, and, with the exception of one who died

at the age of five, all grew to manhood and womanhood: Noah, now of London, who was born in Fayette County, August 1, 1834, served as County Auditor for a number of years, was Warden of the Ohio Penitentiary four years, and was appointed by Gov. Foster and by Gov. Foraker Superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home in Xenia, where he remained four years. He served three years in the late war and lost an arm at the battle of Cold Harbor. In politics, he is a Republican. He has been twice married and has five children. Moses, the second son, was born December 30, 1835, and owns a farm of one hundred acres in Stokes Township. He is married and has nine children. William Thomas, born December 11, 1837, is a graduate of Yellow Springs College. He served three years in the late war, was shot in the left leg at the battle of Petersburg and is now crippled. He gets a pension of $15. With his wife and three children he makes his home in Yellow Springs. Jephtha, born November 27, 1839, was also one of the boys in blue. He died December 25, 1887, leaving five children. John Wesley, born January 22, 1843, died in August, 1885, leaving six children. Robert L., born April 29, 1845, is a farmer of Pocahontas County, Iowa, and by his marriage has four children. Huston, born October 19, 1849, resides on a farm of one hundred and twenty-six acres in Stokes Township with his wife and two children. Jasper, born March 16, 1852, resides on the home farm. By his marriage he has four children. Elijah, born January 9, 1855, is an agriculturist of Stokes Township, and has one child. Oscar B., born January 28, 1861, graduated from Yellow Springs College, engaged in teaching in that place for three years, and was graduated from the law school of Cincinnati. He is now attorney at London, Ohio. Sarah Catherine, born September 9, 1841, became the wife of Henry Huffman, and died in 1874, leaving three children. Mary Ann, born August 29, 1847, died at the age of five years. Florestine, born December 21, 1862, is the wife of William Blessing, and unto them was born a daughter March 3, 1889, Dott.

From time to time, Mr. Thomas extended the boundaries of his farm until he now owns three hundred and twenty-seven acres of valuable land, which yields to him a golden tribute. He cast his first vote for Gen. Harrison in 1840, supported John C. Fremont in 1856, and has since been a Republican. He served as Township Treasurer for six years but has never been an office-seeker. For forty years he has been a member of the Christian Church and his upright and well-spent life has been in harmony with his profession.

JAMES S. SWEARINGEN, a representative and prominent young farmer of Pickaway County, was born in Jackson Township, August 19, 1857. His well-appointed farm of one hundred and eighty acres of land, which is a part of the old home place, is of historic interest in that it is a part of the "Bedinger Survey" that was given to his great-grandfather, Capt. Bedinger, by the Government for services in the Revolutionary War, located by him in 1796, and has never been bought or sold. Our subject has a fine large residence, remodeled in 1890, several frame barns, and all the equipments of a model farm.

Mr. Swearingen is descended from a notable ancestry. His father, Henry B. Swearingen, was born in Chillicothe, November 16, 1814. His grandfather, whose given name was James S., was born in Berkeley County, Va., February 3, 1782; his great-grandfather, Josiah Swearingen, was also born in that county, March 28, 1744, the date of his birth; his great-great-grandfather, Van Swearingen, was born in Maryland, while his great-great-great-grandfather, Zachariah Swearingen, was a native of Holland. The father of the latter, Garrett Swerengen (as the name was then spelled), great-great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, was the original representative of the family in America, coming here in the year 1654 with his family, consisting of his wife, Barbara (De Barette), and two children, Zachariah and Elizabeth, from Brabant, a province of Holland. They settled near Annapolis, and in 1669 the family became naturalized citizens of the province of Maryland. Zach-

ariah, the next lineal descendant, had four sons: Thomas, Van, John and Samuel.

The children of Thomas were two sons, Thomas and Van, who, according to an old "History of the Valley of Virginia," settled in the neighborhood of Shepherdstown, that State, on or near the Shenandoah River, in 1734, and were among the first settlers on that watercourse and its vicinity. Van Swearingen was Lieutenant of the militia of the county of Berkeley, Va. He was subsequently raised to the rank of Colonel, and was a man of local note. He was the father of five children, of whom Josiah, the next in descent, was the eldest, and was born March 28, 1744. He was a Captain, under Gen. Lewis during Lord Dunmore's War. He married, January 5, 1777, Phebe Strode, who was born December 8, 1747. He died August 9, 1795, and she, July 6, 1786. They had three sons: Thomas, James and Samuel, and a daughter, Eleanor, who became the wife of Gov. Thomas Worthington.

James Strode Swearingen, who was the second son of Josiah and Phebe Swearingen, was born in Berkeley County (now Jefferson County), W. Va., February 3, 1782. At the age of thirteen years, he became Clerk in a store at Battletown (now Berryville), Va., near Winchester, where he remained about two years. The ensuing four years were spent as clerk in the County Clerk's office at Winchester, Frederick County. He was obliged to abandon that position on account of ill-health, but the experience that he had gained and the formation of methodical habits were of inestimable value to him in after life. In 1799, he came to Ohio, having exchanged his land in Virginia for land in the vicinity of Chillicothe. In 1800, he was appointed Ensign in the army, and two years after, having been promoted to the rank of First or Second Lieutenant, he made the journey from Chillicothe to Detroit with a guide, traveling on horseback through the primeval wilderness, and as there were no settlements on the way between Chillicothe and Lake Erie was without a morsel of food to eat while crossing the State.

On his arrival at Detroit, Lieut. Swearingen was put in command of a company and sent to Chicago, where he helped to build Ft. Dearborn. Later, he was stationed at Ft. Mifflin, below Philadelphia, at Pittsburgh, Ft. McHenry, Baltimore, Cincinnati, and other places, but mostly on the frontier. November 4, 1811, while at Pittsburgh, he was united in marriage to Nancy, daughter of Capt. Henry and Rachel (Strode) Bedinger. She was born January 7, 1787. An early ancestor of hers, Adam Bedinger, was a native of Alsace, Germany. He and his family were Protestants, and to escape persecution after the conquest which resulted in the ceding of Alsace to France, he emigrated to America, landing at Philadephia in 1734. Soon thereafter, he joined a party of German emigrants, who settled upon the beautiful, rich lands on Conowago, in York County, Pa. His son Henry married Magdalena Schleyel (Slagle, as Anglicised) and removed to Shepherdstown, Va., in the spring of 1762. His son Henry, the father of Mrs. Nancy Swearingen, was born October 16, 1753. He was a Captain in the Continental army during the revolution, was taken prisoner at Ft. Washington, and was confined on Long Island for four years. In 1796, the Captain located the tract of land in Jackson Township, Pickaway County, known as the Bedinger Survey, the most of which was owned by the father of our subject. Henry Bedinger was a man of good native ability, great energy and force of character, and was a power in the community where he lived.

In 1814, being then Quartermaster-General and a staff officer, James S. Swearingen made his headquarters at Chillicothe, where he remained on duty until the close of the war, when he made permanent settlement in that city, and there spent the remainder of his life. Soon after his marriage, he had received from his father-in-law the Bedinger tract of land in Jackson Township, but he never settled upon it. He died in Chillicothe, February 3, 1864, and his wife died January 11, 1859. Three of their seven children died in infancy. The others were Henry B., Eleanor, Sarah B. and Virginia, the latter of whom died unmarried at the age of twenty-one years. Eleanor married first Dr. John H. Grant, of Covington, Ky., and after his death was married to Maj. Edward Clarkson, of the same place. She died in Jackson Township,

January 20, 1879. Sarah became the wife of N. W. Thatcher, and both are now deceased.

The father of our subject was born at Adena, near Chillicothe, Ohio, November 16, 1814. He left his early home in Chillicothe in 1837, to settle in Pickaway County, and in December, 1851, took up his residence on the farm in Jackson Township now occupied by his son of whom we write. He was married, January 3, 1850, to Elizabeth Nesbitt, of Xenia, who was born June 3, 1827. She died in 1881, and he survived her until October 15, 1889, when he passed away at a ripe age. They were the parents of eight children, of whom the following is the record: Eleanor V., born March 26, 1854, married, October 26, 1882, W. V. Grant, of Covington, Ky., and died September 26, 1890, leaving one child, Henry, born October 8, 1888; James S., our subject; Nancy N., born December 22, 1858, died May 30, 1887; Robert N., born February 22, 1859, died October 27, 1865; John G., born February 24, 1863, married November 13, 1888, Miss Fanny Dent, of Xenia, and they have one child, Virginia, born November 12, 1889; Henry B., born May 26, 1865, is in the Pension Department at Washington, D. C.; Thomas T., born January 15, 1868, is book-keeper in Columbus; Mary S., born March 9, 1871, was graduated from Miss Phelps' School in Columbus, in 1892.

Henry B. Swearingen was well and favorably known throughout this county, and had many friends in various parts of this State who sincerely regretted his death. He was one of the best-informed men in the county, having been a great reader all his life and having had a liberal education, being a graduate of Kenyon College at Gambier, and his reading, while covering a wide range of subjects, was always well selected. He possessed a kindly disposition and was an agreeable as well as entertaining companion. For many years, and until the time of his decease, he was identified with St. Philip's Parish of this city and was nearly always a delegate from the parish to the annual diocesan conventions.

Our subject was well educated in the district schools of his native township and in the High School at Circleville. At the age of twenty-one years, he began life for himself, and has met with fine success as a general farmer. Of late years, he has made somewhat of a specialty of raising potatoes, and he is also engaged quite extensively in the stock business. He raises sheep of a high grade, fine Polled-Angus cattle, and draft and road horses, having several standard-bred trotters. He is deeply interested in all that concerns his native township and county, and in him the Republican party finds a stalwart supporter.

Mr. Swearingen was married, November 11, 1890, to Miss Minerva Anderson, who was born in Wayne Township, this county, October 26, 1867. She is an accomplished young lady, and her grace and tact admirably second the courteous hospitality of her husband in their pleasant home.

HENRY LILLY. There is in the development of every successful life a lesson to all; for if a man is industrious, ambitious and honorable in his ambition, he will undoubtedly rise to a position of prominence, whether having the prestige of family and wealth or the obscurity of poverty. We are led to these reflections in reviewing the life of Mr. Lilly, who is at present occupying a well-improved farm, which is located in Fairfield Township, Madison County. Our subject has done much to aid in the development of this part of the country and, as a patriotic soldier, deserves credit for the work he did in securing the stability of the Union.

He of whom we write is the son of the late Wesley Lilly, who was born in Fluvanna County, Va., March 30, 1798, and was five years of age when he came with his parents, Thomas and Theodosia Lilly, to this State, and located in Ross County. There the father died in the fall of 1823, and in 1830 the mother, with her family, came to Madison County, where she departed this life in 1838. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Mary Durflinger, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Durflinger, natives of Virginia, who located in Madison County, this State, about 1827. Wesley Lilly was an earnest member in the Meth-

odist Church and gave freely of his means toward the erection of the Lilly Chapel. He was a progressive and public-spirited man and did his full share toward building up and improving the county in which he resided. He departed this life August 10, 1889, while his good wife, who survived him a few years, died January 8, 1892.

The parental family included seven sons and one daughter, our subject, who was born September 14, 1840, in Franklin County, this State, being the fifth in order of birth. He passed his boyhood days in his native place and was thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to this county, and located with them in Fairfield Township, where he grew to manhood. He was reared to farming pursuits and assisted his father in carrying on the home farm until the spring of 1864, when he enlisted in the Union army, being commissioned First Lieutenant of Company A, Seventy-sixth Battalion Ohio National Guards, under his brother, Capt. Thomas Lilly. The latter died at Bermuda Hundred, Va., in July, 1864. On account of Company A being merged into the One Hundred and Thirty-third Infantry, the older officers in the service were given the precedence and our subject was not called upon to go to the front.

January 16, 1862, Henry Lilly was married in Franklin County to Miss Martha Ann Hartsook. The lady was born in that county May 1, 1841, and was the daughter of Noah and Mary (Sanducky) Hartsook, natives of Maryland. The father of Mrs. Lilly died while she was quite young, and the mother, who reared a family of three children, departed this life in Franklin County. After his marriage, he located in Fairfield Township, this county, which has since been his home. He has made agriculture his life work and at the present time owns a valuable estate of two hundred and twenty-five acres, which bears all the improvements in the way of buildings and machinery which are to be found on the estate of a first-class farmer.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lilly have been born four children, viz: Frank S., Sylvester W., Rosa B. and William W. The eldest son died August 10, 1887, when in his twenty-fifth year. Rosa B. became the wife of A. W. Bradfield and William W. married Maggie Erb.

Our subject occupies a high place in local affairs and in October, 1881, was elected County Commissioner. He has also served as Township Trustee for a number of terms, and during elections never fails to cast a Republican vote. He is a member of Lodge No. 605, I. O. O. F., and the brief record of his life shows him to be a man of excellent business talent, whose judgment is keen, and who is well dowered with those sturdy traits of character that, seconded by unimpeachable integrity, have made him a valuable citizen.

HON. DAVID I. WORTHINGTON, one of the prominent attorneys of Washington C. H., has been in active practice here since 1874. He is a native of this State, having been born in Greene County, May 26, 1844, and is the son of Jesse J. and Catherine B. (Creamer) Worthington, residents of this county. The father of our subject was one of the early settlers of the northern part of Fayette County and for a number of years was Superintendent of the city schools of Washington C. H.

David I. Worthington received a thorough education in the common schools of this city, and later read law at Indianola, Iowa, under Col. P. Gad Bryan. He was admitted to the Bar in 1865, before the Supreme Court of Des Moines, Iowa, and a year later located at Liberty, Clay County, Mo., where he remained for five years engaged in the practice of his profession. He then removed to Iola, Allen County, Kan., and in 1874 returned to his native place, where he occupies a high place as a lawyer. He became connected with Judge Williams, who is now Chief Justice, and afterward, in 1889, with J. D. Post, who is his partner at the present time.

The Hon. D. I. Worthington was elected a member of the State Legislature on the Republican ticket in 1885, and was the incumbent of that office for two successive terms. During that time,

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he served on various important committees, performing efficient service on the Judiciary, Corporation and Insurance Committees. At the present time, he occupies the important office of President of the City Council and has shown himself capable of close application to the duties which lie before him. His judicious decisions and wise course in attempting to bring about a worthy object are well known to those who are acquainted with the history of the State.

Miss Kate Parker, of Liberty, Clay County, Mo., was married to our subject May 1, 1866. They have an interesting family of three children, who bear the respective names of Jesse, Edgar P. and Bessie. Mr. Worthington, in his political predilection, is a thorough Republican and during the last congressional election of this district was chosen as its Chairman. In 1889, he erected the fine brick block at the corner of Market and Main Streets, which bears his name. It is three stories in height, the Postoffice being located in the corner, the Knights of Pythias Hall above, and on the third floor are eleven finely finished offices.

ARCHIBALD WHITESEL. On the old homestead where he still resides, Mr. Whitesel was born February 4, 1836. For more than a half century he has been familiar with the scenes of progress and growth in Pickaway County, and especially in Salt Creek Township, where he has always made his home. It is to the courage, enterprise and persistence of such men as he that the county is indebted for its high position among other counties of the Buckeye State, and his biography and portrait will therefore be of peculiar interest to present and coming generations.

The first representative of the Whitesel family in the United States was the grandfather of our subject, Nicholas, who came from Germany in the capacity of a soldier for the British army during the Revolutionary War. When the conflict was terminated, he remained in this country, and established a home in Virginia, whence he removed to Ohio in the early part of the present century. He located in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, about one mile north of where our subject at present resides, and was numbered among the first settlers of this township. He entered a tract of land from the Government, and subsequently erected a distillery, and engaged in the manufacture of liquor.

The father of our subject, Jacob Whitesel, was born in Virginia in 1792, and was quite young when he accompanied his father to Ohio. He commenced farming on the place where our subject resides, and cleared the land from its primeval condition, bringing it to a high cultivation, and making it his home until he passed from earth, in 1872, at the age of eighty years. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was Class-leader and Trustee for many years, and took great interest in religious matters. He married Elizabeth, daughter of George Thomas, who emigrated from Pennsylvania at an early day. The mother of our subject was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was called hence in 1890, at the advanced age of ninety years.

The parental family comprised seven children, four of whom are still living. Archibald, our subject, received his early education in the log schoolhouse which stood on the farm. Subsequently, he spent one and one-half years in Circleville, where he attended the Union Schools, and is a man of good information and broad knowledge. His marriage, October 22, 1867, united him with Miss Margaret Ann Robinson, who was born in Ross County in 1831. Her father, John Robinson, was a farmer by occupation, and died when about ninety-five years old. After a happy wedded life of more than twenty years, Mrs. Whitesel passed from the scenes of earth, August 8, 1891, mourned by a large circle of warm personal friends, and especially mourned by her husband, to whom she had been all that a loving wife and devoted companion could be. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and her life was such as to prove the sincerity of her belief.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Whitesel is a

stanch Republican, while in religious matters, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is Trustee. During the Morgan raid, in Ohio, he was an active participant, and went as far South as Scott's Landing, and from there to Zanesville. He has a finely improved farm of one hundred and eighty-two acres on section 12, where he raises a good grade of stock, and conducts a general farming business. Mrs. Whitesel owned one hundred and seventy-one acres in Ross County, which was rented to tenants. The place which Mr. Whitesel occupies in the community is a high one, and his life has been so upright and honorable as to win the confidence of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

CAPT. MARCUS B. RADCLIFFE won a high reputation as an officer in the Union army during the late war, when he sacrificed the opening years of a promising manhood on the altar of his country, and Pickaway County holds in honor her gallant son, a native of her soil, who has also proved of value to her citizenship as one of her thoughtful, progressive farmers, who manages his extensive farm in Pickaway Township after the most approved modern methods.

Capt. Radcliffe was born in Pickaway County, January 10, 1840, and is a son of Benjamin Radcliffe. His father was born in Kentucky in 1794, and, coming to Ohio with his widowed mother in 1806, was reared near Darbyville, this county. He was one of six children, all of whom are dead. He served in the War of 1812 under Gen. W. H. Harrison, in Northern Ohio, and was a good soldier. He was a member of the Christian Church, and was active in religious matters. His wife, Sarah Florence in her maiden days, came of an old Virginia family, was born in that State in 1800, and in 1806 was brought to Ohio by her parents, who located on the banks of Darby Creek, this county. She died in 1852, and in her death the Christian Church lost a devoted member. She was the mother of sixteen children, eight sons and eight daughters, and four of them are still living. The father was married a second time, Frances A. Scoville becoming his wife, and by her he had one son, now deceased.

The subject of this biographical review was reared on a farm on the banks of Deer Creek, and was educated in a log schoolhouse. In the fall of 1858, he went to Circleville to engage as clerk in the dry-goods store of Delaplanes & McCaully, he being at that time eighteen years of age. After the breaking out of the Rebellion, he watched its course intently, and finally threw aside his personal aims and ambitions to fight for his country, as his father had done half a century before, enlisting August 8, 1862, in Company A, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Infantry, as a private. He was mustered in the following September as Sergeant of his company, and in the trying times that followed won his way steadily from rank to rank by his invincible courage and coolness in the heat of battle and in the midst of danger, and by his promptness in obeying and efficiency in carrying out orders, as well as by his fidelity and general trust-worthiness. He was made Second Lieutenant February 14, 1863, was promoted to the position of First Lieutenant May 2 of the same year, and in December, 1864, was commissioned Captain, an honor richly deserved. He did not act in that capacity, however, as, though his regiment was consolidated about that time and he was offered the captaincy in the new regiment, he was obliged to leave the army on account of ill-health.

Capt. Radcliffe fought under Sherman at Chickasaw Bluffs; assisted in the capture of Arkansas Post, celebrating his birthday on that occasion; and he took an active part in the enti e siege of Vicksburg, lasting forty-five days, and during that time he did not have a change of clothing, so constantly was he on duty. He assisted in building twenty-eight hundred feet of pontoon bridge across the bayous and tributaries of the Mississippi River, from Milliken's Bend to Grand Gulf, and was otherwise constantly kept busy during that important campaign. He was present at the engagement at Thompson's Hills, May 1, 1863, and was under fire almost constantly from that date until after the 22d of the same month. He was in the

thickest of the fight at Champion Hills, and he accompanied Gen. Banks on the Red River expedition. He suffered much from exposure on that trip, and contracted a chronic disease, which was so bad that he was ordered to the hospital at Milliken's Bend. He then showed signs of insubordination for the first time, and utterly refused to go, determining to continue with the army and die with the boys on the march, rather than remain behind and miss an opportunity to do his share of fighting. He continued with his regiment until he was so debilitated that the physicians decided that he would not live to reach home, and he was discharged December 17, 1864, at the mouth of the White River, in Arkansas.

At the time of his discharge, the Captain was the recipient of the following tribute to his value as a soldier and to his worth as a man:

HEADQUARTERS ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH REGIMENT OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, MOUTH OF WHITE RIVER, ARK., December 1, 1864.

To all whom this may concern:

In the consolidation of the One Hundred and Fourteenth and One Hundred and Twentieth Regiments Ohio Volunteers, the bearer, First Lieut. Mark B. Radcliffe, at his own request, was mustered out of the service. He has been connected with the One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment Ohio Volunteers since August, 1862, at which time he entered the service as Sergeant of Company A, and was commissioned and mustered as Second Lieutenant of the One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio, May 11, 1863, and was commissioned and mustered as First Lieutenant November 15, 1863, in which capacity he has served since that time. As a Sergeant, Lieutenant, and in all his relations with the service, he has done every duty faithfully and diligently, and has acquitted himself honorably, and with credit to himself and beneficially to the service. He is a good soldier and an efficient officer. He is a man of good moral character, temperate habits, gentlemanly deportment, fine social qualities, and of undoubted integrity, patriotism and loyalty. He is well qualified and worthy for any position in a regiment to which he would aspire. I therefore, with great pleasure, cheerfully recommend him to the favorable consideration of any or all to whom he may present himself for a place or position.

JOHN. H KELLY, Colonel, commanding One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

EPHRAIM BROWN, Major, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

After severing his connection with the army, Capt. Radcliffe returned home, and when he had sufficiently recovered to attend to business, he resumed his position as clerk, and was thus employed several years, but finally turned his attention to farming and has since lived in Pickaway Township. He has here a fine estate of four hundred acres of land, bordering on the famous Pickaway Plains, and extending into the fertile bottoms of the Scioto River, the soil being of a sandy loam, and remarkably productive. The situation is fine, the residence commanding a wide and beautiful prospect. Looking eastward, the eye falls on Black Mountain, where the Indian warriors congregated to hold their councils and to declare war or peace.

Our subject was married July 29, 1869, to Miss Lizzie Crouse, a native of Ross County, and a daughter of Nelson Crouse, a farmer of that county. She is a woman of much strength of character and true refinement, who is a fit companion for her husband, to whose interests she is devoted, as well as to those of their children, of whom they have two: Eva T., a graduate of the Circleville High School, and now the wife of Frank Cox, of the firm of Cox Bros., merchants at Lancaster; and Frank C., at home with his parents.

Capt. Radcliffe is a Republican in whom there is no guile. A man of superior intelligence, he is well informed on all historical and political subjects, and in all things pertaining to the late war. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Grand Army of the Republic. He has been President of the Soldiers' Monument Association of Pickaway County for some time, and he was very influential in securing the erection of the Memorial Hall and Library Building at Circleville, dedicated December 29, 1891. He is one of the Trustees, and was Secretary and Treasurer during the construction of the building. It is a noble structure

that would grace any city in the land, combining strength, beauty and simplicity in its architecture, and it will be a perpetual reminder to the people of the fallen heroes whose lives it is intended to commemorate, as well as of the veterans who are still among us, who sacrificed so much and fought so well to preserve the Union; and within its walls their children and children's children, from generation unto generation, shall learn many a lesson of patriotism from the history of the past and from the inspiration of the present.

HEBER JONES. Probably in the history of the representative houses of Washington C. H., no more worthy example can be found of what may be accomplished by energy and well-directed efforts, than is strikingly exemplified in the successful career of the leading art gallery of the city, of which Mr. Jones is the proprietor. His photographic studio is located at the corner of Main and Court Streets, in an elegant suite of rooms formerly occupied by different artists of the city, but recently remodeled for his use. Previous to 1892, his gallery was in the Dahl Block, where he established an enviable reputation for the excellency and elegant finish of his work.

Mr. Jones is one of the youngest business men of Washington C. H., for he only recently attained to his majority. He was born in Bloomingburgh, Fayette County, November 19, 1869, the son of Charles and Mollie (Meyers) Jones. His father, who was an attorney by profession, was compelled to remove to a farm on account of his failing health, which was somewhat recuperated by his out-door exercise. He afterward removed to Washington C. H., and there died in 1875. His wife survived him about ten years, her death, September 8, 1885, being the result of accident. On that day a terrible cyclone swept over the city and destroyed the house, in which she was alone at the time, killing her instantly.

The parental family comprises two sons beside our subject. Homer is stenographer for the Cashier of the First National Bank at Kansas City; Howard is learning photography with our subject. Heber Jones received his education at Washington C. H., where he entered the art gallery of C. S. Snyder in the early part of 1884, remaining with him until the cyclone of 1885 destroyed the gallery. He afterward continued his studies at school for a time, and then commenced to work for W. F. Willett, then a prominent photographer of Washington C. H., but now of Chicago. When Mr. Willett sold out the business to Mr. Spencer, our subject remained with the last-named gentleman for a short time, until he was sufficiently acquainted with the business to start out for himself. He opened an art gallery in the Dahl Block, where he conducted a very successful business until the date of his removal, February 1, 1892.

The pleasant home which Mr. Jones has established on West Market Street is presided over by his cultured wife, who was formerly Miss Ada Paul. Prior to her marriage, which took place November 18, 1891, she resided in Washington C. H., where she received a good education. Socially, Mr. Jones is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and in his religious preference is a liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he and his wife attend.

JOHN R. SOLT. This gentleman occupies a very high position among the farming community of Walnut Township, Pickaway County. He is ex-Trustee of the township, and is at present residing on section 21, where he owns and operates a fine tract of land. He is a native of the above-named township, his birth occurring February 1, 1840. His parents, Paul and Rebecca Solt, were natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and this county.

The great-grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was born in Germany, and, on emigrating to this country, participated in the Revolutionary War. Paul Solt came to this State, in company with his mother and sister, when about sixteen years of age, in 1825, his birth occurring in 1809. They made settlement in Fairfield County, where

they made their home a short time, and then came to Pickaway County, locating in Walnut Township when it was practically in the woods. A log cabin was erected, in which they resided for a time, when it gave way to a more comfortable and commodious abode. The elder Mr. Solt worked for a time on the Ohio Canal, helping to build that waterway.

Eight of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Solt are still living and are, respectively: Elizabeth, John R., William; Celanta, the wife of H. H. Brown; Thomas; Eveline, Mrs. David Heist; Ruphina and Charles. In township affairs, the father of our subject occupied a prominent position, being Assessor of his township a number of years. He was a Democrat, politically, and aided greatly in the upbuilding of his community, his name heading all lists which had for their object the betterment of his fellowman. He was a member in good standing of the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which body he died, June 25, 1891, and in his death Pickaway County lost one of its representative citizens.

Our subject grew to mature years in this township, and remained at home assisting his father in grubbing, clearing and improving the home farm, until starting out to battle with life on his own account. His opportunities for obtaining an education were very limited, and he was disciplined mainly in the stern school of experience, which prepared him to meet every emergency with a steady and a ready hand.

September 1, 1867, our subject and Miss Vienna, daughter of Absalom A. Peters, were united in marriage. The father of Mrs. Solt was born in the Dominion, but at the time of his decease was residing in Walnut Township, this county. To our subject and his estimable wife have been born ten children, namely: Clayton, Harvey, Carrie, Milton, Louama, John, Laura, George, Mattie and Hugh.

Mr. Solt is the possessor of an estate containing one hundred and forty acres, which by his industry has been brought to a good state of cultivation. In politics, our subject is a Democrat, and served as Trustee of his township for three years. He is a Lutheran in religion, and socially is identified with the Masonic fraternity at Circleville. Mr. Solt is ranked among the prominent and leading citizens of Walnut Township, where his word is considered as good as his bond. By energy and perseverance, united with economy and good business qualifications, he has secured a competency, and is now living in the enjoyment of the comforts of life.

JOHN P. NOECKER is a native of Pickaway County, born August 5, 1849, and has won his way to an honorable place among its intelligent, industrious, business-like farmers, who form so important a proportion of its population. He has an excellent and well-managed farm on section 2, Walnut Township, which is a part of the old homestead that his father, a pioneer of the township, reclaimed from the wilderness.

Our subject is a son of Henry and Maria (Kroninger) Noecker, who were natives of Pennsylvania. His father was early left an orphan, and was bound out to learn the trade of a carpenter in his youth. He became a very skillful workman, and was engaged at that calling for years. When a young man, he came to Ohio, and he assisted in building houses in Columbus when the State capital was a small town. He finally settled in Pickaway County among the pioneers of Walnut Township, and in the busy years that followed, improved the farm on which his son of whom we write resides. He lived to a ripe age, dying August 7, 1884, and thus closing a life spent in well-doing, in which he had won the respect due to his merits as a man and a citizen. He was a straight Republican in his politics, and in religion was a Lutheran, belonging to the church of that denomination at St. Paul, being prominent in its work as an Elder. His wife died several years ago. These are their surviving children: Sylvester, Nathan; Christia, wife of Lewis Reed; Henry, John, Daniel, and Mary, wife of Emanuel Burger.

The subject of this biographical review was

reared to manhood on the farm where he first opened his eyes to the light. He was well trained in the management of a farm, and when he came into possession of a part of the old homestead, he was perfectly competent to carry it on judiciously and profitably, and he has done so. He is mostly self educated, as his advantages were somewhat limited in his boyhood, although he had an occasional opportunity to attend a school in the home district. His farm, which contains one hundred and forty acres of good land, is well cultivated, and its improvements are of a substantial order.

Mr. Noecker was married to Miss Sallie Baum in October, 1872. Like her husband, Mrs. Noecker is a native of Pickaway County, Madison Township being her birthplace, and she is a daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Baum, of that township, who were early settlers of the county. Our subject and his estimable wife are the parents of two children: Clarence B. and Howard C.

Mr. Noecker is a man of pure and honorable character, unites firmness with a just consideration for the rights of others and lives up to his Christian principles in thought and act. He and his wife are valued members of the Lutheran Church, which he is serving as Deacon, and they are highly regarded by all who know them. In politics, he is a Republican.

JACKSON THOMAS, one of the citizens of prominence, wealth and influence, whose home is in Monroe Township, where he has a large and finely-equipped farm, bears the reputation of being one of the most sagacious, practical, and progressive of the farmers and stockmen of Pickaway County. He represents an old and honored family of this section, and he was born December 8, 1831. His father, whose given name was William, was a native of Virginia, as was his father, also.

In 1807, the grandfather of our subject, Jeremiah, with Netty, his wife, accompanied by his family, set out from his old home in a wagon, to perform a momentous and somewhat perilous journey that was to lead over the mountains into the wilds of Ohio. He thus became a pioneer of Pickaway County, settling on Deer Creek, this township, when there was scarcely an inhabitant in the region, and the surrounding country was a wilderness. He developed a small tract of land, and died here when in middle life. He was on friendly terms with the Indians, who trusted him, and often several tribes could be seen from the hill on which he lived. He used to hunt some, and occasionally killed a deer.

The father of our subject was a boy when he came with his father to Ohio. He was brought up under pioneer influences, and did not have any educational advantages during his boyhood. When he married, he could not write his name, but he learned to write under the instruction of his wife and hired men, became quite a proficient penman, and could keep his own books. He was very poor at the time of his marriage, and he and his wife began housekeeping in an old log house, with home-made furniture, the bedstead being made by boring holes in the wall, into which poles were inserted that rested on wooden legs. Mr. Thomas was a man of great natural ability, and when once he obtained a good start he progressed rapidly in the acquirement of wealth, so that at the time of his death he had fifteen hundred acres of land, and was making enough to buy a farm each year. He made the most of his money in stock, never selling any corn, but feeding it all to his cattle and other stock. He died the 10th of January, 1849, when scarcely past the prime of life, and his removal was regarded as a serious loss to the material interests of the county and to its higher interests as well. He was a man of serious religious views, a strong Methodist, and he was very helpful in organizing the society and in building the first house of worship of that denomination in the neighborhood, which was known as the Hebron Church. In early life, he was a Democrat in politics, but he later identified himself with the Whigs.

The mother of our subject, who was a native of Virginia, bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Norris. She came to Ohio when quite young, with her parents. She was a hard-working woman, and her

husband owed much of his success to her help and influence. She used in the early days of their marriage to drop corn in the field after two teams, and then go home and prepare dinner for the men, and in many other ways she bravely put her shoulder to the wheel and performed her share of the labors that resulted in the upbuilding of a comfortable home and the accumulation of wealth. She was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church nearly all her life, and she was noted for her kind heart and hospitable, charitable nature. She was the mother of these ten children who grew to maturity: Eleanor (Mrs. Truax), now deceased; George W., deceased; Milton M., deceased; Mary A. (Mrs. King), Jackson, Margaret (Mrs. Henderson), Sarah W. (Mrs. Madox), Elizabeth J. (Mrs. Henderson), William H., and Perry C. Three others died in infancy.

The birthplace of our subject was on a hill one hundred and thirty feet high, near the waters of Deer Creek. He was educated in the primitive log schoolhouses of those early days, with their large open fireplaces, slab benches, writing-desks consisting of a slab, or slabs, placed against the wall, and window made by taking out a log the whole length of the building; the door opened out instead of in, as now, and hung on wooden hinges. Mr. Thomas began life for himself at the age of seventeen, his father having died the previous year. His mother gave him and his brother Milton all they could raise on part of the farm after paying the living expenses of herself and the younger children.

Our subject left home when he married, in 1855, he and his bride beginning their married life on the Foster Farm, on which they lived a year, and then he settled on this farm, which adjoins the old homestead, moving into a log house. That humble abode was replaced by his present fine, large frame residence in 1875, he having built a good frame barn in 1867, and he has his farm well supplied with buildings for every needed purpose. He has made the most of the improvements himself, clearing nearly all the land, which comprises seven hundred and twenty-one acres, he having started with one hundred and sixty-six acres. Five hundred and forty acres of his landed property lie in one body in Monroe Township, and he has one hundred and eighty-one acres at Clarksburgh, in Ross County, which is well improved, and a fine, commodious brick residence of ten rooms adorns the place.

Mr. Thomas carries on mixed farming, and employs a number of men, allowing twenty acres to a man in carrying on his varied operations. When he began farming, he raised one hundred hogs every year, wisely feeding his corn to his stock, never selling but one lot of corn. For the past twenty years, he has aimed to keep three car-loads of cattle all the time, one of yearlings, one of two-year-olds, and one of three-year-olds, which he ships annually. He is one of the solid moneyed men of the county, and rightly attributes his prosperity to close attention to his business, to thrifty and economical management, and to the judicious methods that have characterized his manner of carrying on farming and stock-raising, and the handling of his funds, in loaning money, etc. He has been very fortunate in all his enterprises, as he has never had any reverses. A man of his calibre and aptitude for affairs is eminently fitted for civic life, and he has been drawn into it as County Commissioner, which position he held for six years, and as Township Trustee. In politics, he is an uncompromising Democrat. Religiously, both he and his amiable wife are connected with the Hebron Methodist Church as two of its most effective working members.

Mr. Thomas was married April 26, 1855, to Miss Christina, eldest daughter of Josiah Reeves, who was an early settler of and an extensive farmer in Deer Creek Township, where Mrs. Thomas was born, October 14, 1835. Her wedded life with our subject has been fraught with much real happiness and many blessings, but they have had to bow beneath the chastening hand of sorrow so common to the lot of mortals, in the death of three of their five children, their religion, however, sustaining them in the firm belief that somewhere, somehow, they will again meet their loved ones in God's own good time. The following is a record of those deceased: Rufina J., born June 20, 1856, died March 9, 1875; George W., born September 30, 1857, died June 10, 1882; Lily Lorette, born February 17, 1861, married Smith Beal, and died

in 1891, leaving one child, Harry G. The two surviving children of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are Loton F., who married Miss Jennie Hosler, and lives on his father's farm at Clarksburgh; and Albert Seymour, born May 22, 1867, who is a good scholar and an expert book-keeper, and acts in the latter capacity for a coal syndicate at Kansas City, Mo. He married Ida Swain, of that city, February 23, 1892, and now makes his home with his father.

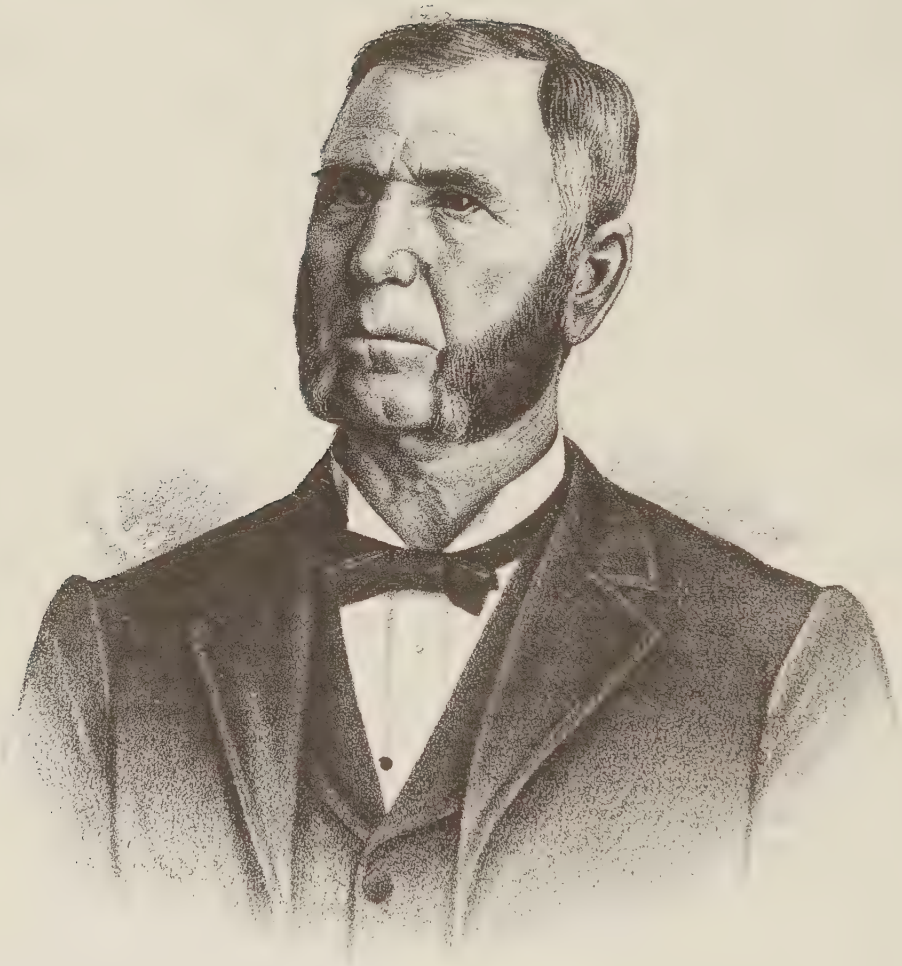
DAVID B. SAINT, of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, is a well-known citizen, well deserving representation in this volume. He was born in Massilon, Pa., March 10, 1835, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Gilmore) Saint. His father was a blacksmith by trade, and when our subject was only four years old, he brought his family to Ross County, Ohio, and engaged in operating a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, five miles east of Chillicothe. He also worked at his trade, building a smithy on the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Saint died when David was nine years old, leaving four children, who were then scattered.

Our subject was sent to live with James Little, with whom he remained until eighteen years of age, when he was bound out to a blacksmith in Chillicothe, with whom he remained four months, when he concluded that he must either run away or starve. He chose the former, and started barefooted, although it was then in the middle of winter. Going to Adelphi, Ross County, he entered a blacksmith-shop to learn the trade. He was to have $4 per month for the first year and his board and washing. His master was old and he did not advance very rapidly, but he now had a good home and disliked leaving it, so there he remained for two years. He then went to Hassenplugh, where he hired out, working for $8 per month the first year, $20 the next and $30 the third.

On the 5th of December, 1858, Mr. Saint married Nancy E. Boggs, who was born in Pickaway County, December 3, 1840, and was a daughter of William and Lavina (Byerly) Boggs. Mr. Saint then established a shop in Pickaway County, which he carried on for two and a half years with excellent success. The late war having broken out, he enlisted August 8, 1862, as a member of Company B, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Infantry. He participated in the siege of Vicksburg, where he was left on picket duty when Sherman was forced to retreat, and came very near being captured. With seven comrades, he was chased four miles, and, with the exception of our subject, all of the boys lost their guns, knapsacks and coats. He participated in the battles of Arkansas Post and Arkansas River. For some time, he was sick in Van Buren Hospital at Milliken's Bend, where he remained from the 5th of April until the 31st of July, 1863. He was appointed General Wardmaster and never lost a day while there. On account of his disability, he received his discharge.

During Mr. Saint's absence, his wife and two children had resided with her grandfather in Miami County, Ind., and he started for the place, but was so ill that he could not travel and had to remain at Vincennes, Ind., for three days under the Doctor's care. Three years elapsed before he was able to endure any hard work. As soon as possible, he established a shop at five points, Pickaway County, where he remained for four years, doing a good business. He then removed to Yankeetown, Fayette County, where he remained for about twenty years. Coming to Mt. Sterling, he purchased some land and built a house, he and his son doing all the work except the plastering. His home is commodious and pleasant and is situated in a good location. He also built a shop and follows his chosen trade.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Saint were born five children, four of whom are still living: William Lewis, who was born in Pickaway County, September 30, 1859, is a blacksmith and wood-worker, residing at Deer Creek with his wife and three children; Edson B., who was born in the same county, December 22, 1861, died July 28, 1885; James Rutherford was born in Pickaway County, April 1, 1866; George Leroy, who was born in Yankeetown, April 3, 1869, is a blacksmith and wood-worker who aids his father in the shop, and David Wilson, who was born in Yankeetown, September 16, 1871. The children



Alexander Gray

were all provided with good educational advantages, fitting them for the practical duties of life.

Mr. Saint cast his first Presidential vote for James Buchanan and has since been a Democrat. He served as School Director in both Pickaway and Fayette Counties, was Pike Superintendent for two years and is now a member of the City Council of Mt. Sterling. He joined the Grange in 1879, has been a member of the Odd Fellows since 1880, of the encampment since 1883, and is now serving in his fourth year as Scribe. He is also District Deputy Grand Patriarch of the order. He is a charter member of Bostwick Post, G. A. R., in which he has filled all the offices except Quartermaster and has now been Adjutant for four years. He attended the national reunion in Columbus. With the Patriotic Order of Sons of America he is also connected, has filled all its offices and is now District President of the order, serving a third term. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church and are highly respected people, widely and favorably known in this community.

ALEXANDER GRAY. It is gratifying to the biographer to present the portrait and sketch of a man who, in every walk of life, religious, social and business, is esteemed as foremost among the valued citizens of Commercial Point. Mr. Gray was born in Licking County, Ohio, not far from Newark, February 17, 1827. His father, John Gray, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1786, and was sixteen years old when he came to America with his brother-in-law, Joseph Hughes, who located in Fairfield County, Ohio. He had a little money but invested it unfortunately in land which had a defective title, and lost it all. The country was then a wilderness, abounding in Indians, deer and wolves. He leased land for a time after his unfortunate experience in attempting to purchase, and eventually owned eighty acres. He was a member of the Covenanter Church. In politics, he was a Democrat, although he took no part in political matters, as his church eschewed such interests.

The mother of our subject, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, bore the name of Sarah McDonald. She reared to maturity seven of her ten children. One died in infancy, and the names of the others were as follows: James, Delilah, Jane, Alexander, Elizabeth, Margery, Dorcas, John Calvin and Isabel. This mother was also a member of the Covenanter Church. Her father, Alexander McDonald, a native of Ireland, came to America in his youth and settled in Pennsylvania, where he married. He came to Ohio in a very early day with a team and wagon and settled in Fairfield County. He owned about twelve hundred acres of land, from which fine estate he gave each of his ten children eighty acres, and at his death, when about seventy-six years old, left a handsome property in addition. He was a hard worker and a good manager and was highly esteemed in Fairfield County, where he was well known. He was an Elder in the Covenanter Church and took an active interest in religious affairs.

In his infancy our subject was taken from Licking to Fairfield County, and at the age of eleven went to Mercer County, where he resided with his parents until he was in his nineteenth year. At that age he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade in Butler County, Ohio, and was thus bound out for three years, his wages being $3 per month. After completing his apprenticeship, he worked at the trade until fifteen years ago.

In July, 1853, Mr. Gray located at Commercial Point, and after he ceased working at his trade followed the occupation of a merchant for three years. His marriage, which took place May 23, 1853, united him with Wilhelmina Miller, who was born in Nassau, Germany. They have had four children, namely: William A., Ermine, Lester, and Miller (deceased).

The farm which Mr. Gray purchased in 1876, and upon which he now makes his home, contains two hundred and sixty-five acres of land, most of which is in an improved condition. Upon it he carries on mixed farming, raising wheat, oats and corn, besides stock of all kinds. At one time he dealt largely in raising and selling hogs, but hav-

ing lost heavily through cholera, finally abandoned that branch of his business. His large frame residence was erected by him in 1887, and he has also put up all the buildings except the barn.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray are efficient and active members of the Presbytarian Church at Commercial Point, in which he acts as Trustee. He now is, and has been for three years past, the Superintendent of the Sunday-school and is active in all religious work. His first Presidential ballot was cast for Franklin Pierce, and he has ever since been a supporter of the party which placed that candidate in the Presidential chair. Starting out for himself, when nineteen years of age, he has gained his property by his own unaided efforts, and he is now recognized as one of the best business men in the township.

REV. DAVID M. OSBURN. This honored resident of Fayette County, who is residing on a beautiful farm in Jasper Township, has been a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a period of thirty-three years. He is the son of David Osburn, a native of Kentucky, who was born in 1787. His father, David Osburn, hailed from Virginia and removed to the Blue Grass State in an early day. He was one of those who were besieged in the fort there, and was released by Gen. Anthony Wayne. He later removed to this State and, locating on a farm in Clermont County, improved his tract and there passed his last days.

The mother of our subject was known in her maiden days as Miss Precosia Gatch, a native of Virginia and the daughter of the Rev. Philip Gatch, who was a member of the first Methodist Episcopal Church held at Baltimore, Md. After his marriage, the father of Mrs. Osburn located in Virginia on the James River, whence he removed to Buckingham County. In 1800, he came West to Clermont County, this State, where he died.

The parents of Mr. Osburn, of this sketch, were married in the above-named county and in 1833 removed to Greene County, where they made their permanent home, the father dying in 1843 and the mother in 1864, at the age of eighty-five years. To them were born four children, two of whom are living. The original of this sketch was born May 2, 1819, in Clermont County, where he was reared on his father's farm, being trained to all the duties pertaining to a farmer's boy.

Our subject began life on his own responsibility when twenty years of age, at which time he was married to Miss Cynthia Jackson, who was born in Clinton County, Ohio, in 1821. Our subject then settled in Greene County, in what is now Jefferson Township, on a wild tract of land, which his energy and perseverance brought to a good state of cultivation. Mrs. Osburn died in 1852, having become the mother of six children, one of whom is deceased. Rebecca Ann is the widow of Cargell Chitty and has nine children; Nathaniel C. married Susannah Griffith, is the father of four children and makes his home in Missouri; Charity P. became the wife of Harrison Williamson, lives in Montgomery County, this State, and is the mother of six children; Nancy J. is the wife of J. C. Ogburn, has two children by her present marriage and five by a former marriage, and resides in Iowa; William J. is single.

Our subject was again married, in 1853, this time to Narcissa Carpenter, who was born in Greene County in 1830. She departed this life the year following her marriage, after having borne her husband one child. Miss Charlotte Ferguson was married to Mr. Osburn in 1855; she was born in Virginia in 1831, and by her union with our subject became the mother of one child; she died in 1859. The present partner of our subject was before her marriage Miss Susannah Christy, to whom he was united in 1861. She is the daughter of Samuel and Rosanna (Creamer) Christy, natives of Berkeley County, Va., the father born in 1780 the mother in 1790. Mr. Christy was a soldier during the War of 1812, coming three years later to Washington C. H., where he opened a blacksmith-shop. The Creamer family came to Ohio in 1807, and resided for three years in Ross County. Later, they removed to Jefferson Township, Fayette County, locating on a wild tract of land, and there passed the

remainder of their lives, the father dying in 1826 and the mother in 1810. This was the family to which Mrs. Osburn's mother belonged. Mr. and Mrs. Christy located in Jasper Township in 1833, where the father, at the date of his death, was the owner of five hundred acres of valuable land. To them were born five children, of whom Mrs. Osburn is the only survivor, her birth occurring December 14, 1825.

To Mr. and Mrs. Osburn has been born one son, David F. Our subject is the possessor of one hundred and fifty-two and one-half acres of land, which he has brought to a good state of cultivation, having placed thereon numerous and substantial outbuildings. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which body he is Chaplain. Politically, he votes with the Republican party and has served his fellow-townsmen in the capacity of Justice of the Peace.

Two sons of Mr. Osburn, by his first wife, served in the late war. Elihu B. being a member of Company I, Thirty-first Ohio Infantry, served all through the conflict and was killed in 1875 by Indians at Ft. Sill. Nathaniel C. was a member of the Twelfth Ohio Battery, and fought in defense of his country for more than four years. Our subject is an ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has done active work in that body since twenty-three years of age. Grandfather Philip Gatch was Justice of the Peace and also Associate Judge in Clermont County for twenty-one years. Grandfather Creamer was also Justice of the Peace and very prominent in local affairs.

JAMES R. RANDOLPH, whose sketch now invites attention, is the proprietor of a fine drug store in West Jefferson, and, possessing the necessary qualifications for a successful business man, has been greatly prospered in his dealings. The parents of our subject, James and Jane (Pugsley) Randolph, were natives, respectively, of Hampshire County, Va., and Maine. The grandparents removed to Ohio in 1801, while it was yet a Territory, and located in Zanesville, while his parents made their home on a farm in Athens County, this State, from 1821 till 1840. The father there began the practice of medicine, which he followed until his decease.

The parental family of our subject included nine children, of whom he was the seventh son. He was born July 28, 1837, in Nelsonville, Athens County, and attended the common schools until nineteen years of age, when he supplemented the knowledge gained therein by taking a course at an academy in New Albany, and for one year was a student at the Ohio University at Athens. On the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Randolph enlisted, April 21, 1861, in Company B, Twenty-second Ohio Infantry. Owing to a railroad accident which occurred May 30, 1861, he was severely injured, on account of which he received his honorable discharge.

On returning from the army, December, 1863, our subject read medicine with Dr. J. T. Colliver for a period of two years, and in 1865 went to Noble County, where he was employed by his uncle, in a tannery, at the same time continuing his studies, being thus engaged for five years. During that time, Mr. Randolph took a course of lectures at Cincinnati in the Eclectic Medical College, and afterward began the practice of medicine. He remained in Noble County until 1871, when he returned to West Jefferson, and on account of ill health operated a farm for the following six years. In 1878, he took up his abode in Plain City, where he operated an hotel as mine host for two years, at the end of which time he went to Marysville and for six months was employed in handling walnut timber. He later entered the employ of the U. I. X. L. Windmill Company, of Kalamazoo, Mich., with which he remained for about four years, after which he was engaged in the marble and granite business in Mechanicsburgh, this State. After following that line of work for two years, Mr. Randolph came to Madison County and for three years cultivated the soil in this locality. Finally locating in West Jefferson, he opened up a drug store, which he has managed successfully since.

The lady to whom our subject was married was Nancy J. Thompson, her birth occurring in Jeffer-

son Township, in 1840. To them have been born a family of five children, namely: Mary J., Mrs. James B. Hilton; Ella, the widow of G. J. Frey; Minnie; James I., and Thomas, the latter of whom died when an infant. Mr. Randolph is classed among the public-spirited citizens of this county, and in the various places in which he has lived has filled most satisfactorily various offices of honor and trust. Socially, he is an Odd Fellow, in which order he has taken all the degrees, is a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

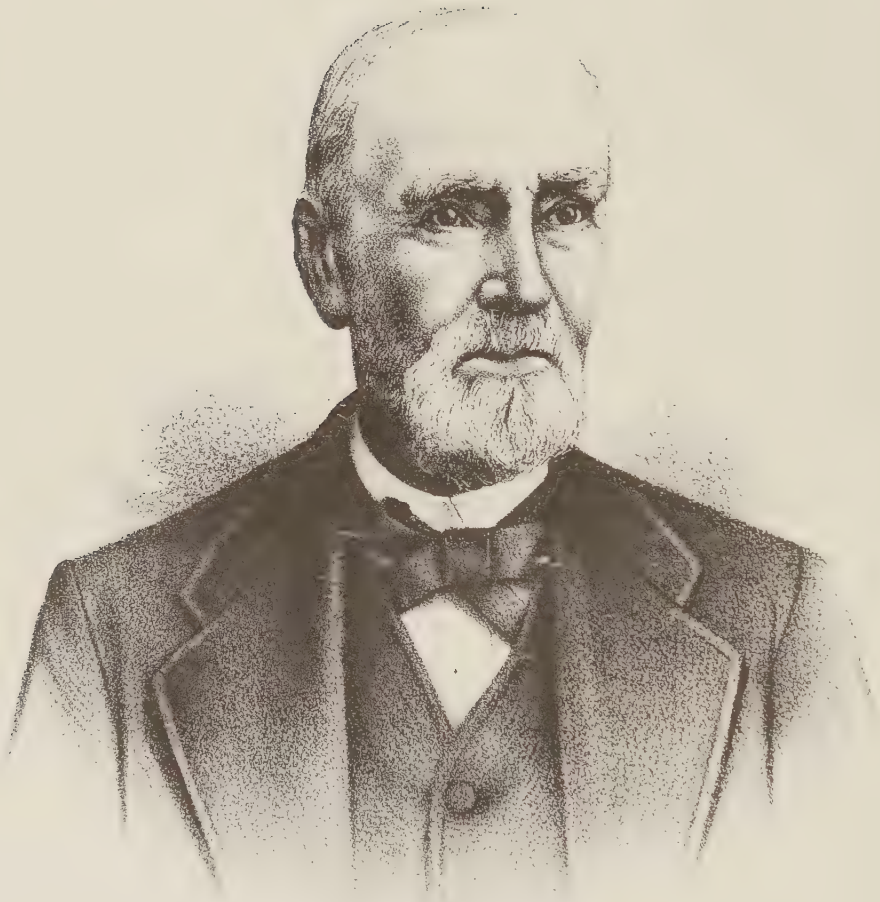
REV. FATHER A. F. SOURD, pastor of St. Coleman's Catholic Church, Washington C. H., was born in Stone Lick Township, Clermont County, Ohio, March 15, 1853, the son of Augustus and Christina (Femyer) Sourd. During his childhood, he aided his father in his dry-goods store, and gleaned the rudiments of his education in the common schools. He carried on his studies at Dayton, Ohio, at St. Mary's of Nazareth, and later pursued his classics at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West. His theological studies were prosecuted with all the ardor and fire of his enthusiastic nature, and he was a student in St. Xavier's Theological Seminary, and St. Mary's Theological Seminary at Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1885.

On Christmas Day, 1885, Father Sourd was ordained in Cincinnati, by Bishop Mays, of Covington. His first charge was at Carthage, Ohio, where he was appointed assistant, his duty being to attend to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. Afterward, he was assistant pastor of the Church of the Atonement at Cincinnati for a short time, and filled the same position for five months at the Church of Assumption on Walnut Hills. In that city, he became well and favorably known among his parishioners as a pious and zealous priest and upright man. For two years, he was assistant to Father John Murray, at Urbana, aiding him in increasing the membership of the church, and promoting its usefulness in various departments of work.

St. Coleman's Catholic Church, of which Father Sourd became pastor in 1889, now numbers about sixty-seven families, and is one of the most enterprising and active congregations in the State. The pastor's residence and the church are located on the corner of North and East Streets, where a substantial brick structure was being built in 1885, but was torn down by a cyclone, during the process of construction. Undaunted by the misfortune, the congregation rebuilt the edifice the following year, and have furnished it elegantly and appropriately.

Not only among his parishioners, but throughout the community in general, the position occupied by Father Sourd is one of prominence and influence. He is a diligent laborer in the work of his church, sparing no pains to secure its advancement and doing everything in his power to promote its efficiency. He has proved himself in every way reliable and useful to the community, and his many friends bear testimony to his worth and ability.

JOHN REIF is an enterprising young merchant of Washington C. H., and was born February 23, 1856, in Piketon, Pike County, and is a son of Frank Reif, a resident of this city, where he has made his home for the last twenty-seven years. John Reif came to this county with his parents when he was three years old, and the next few years of his life were passed on a farm seven or eight miles from this city. In 1863, the family came to Washington C. H., and he completed his education in the city schools, which he left April 5, 1869, at the age of thirteen years, to enter upon his mercantile training in his father's grocery store. In the years that followed, he gained a thorough insight into the business in all its details, and he continued with his father until his marriage in the winter of 1881. After that, he went into the restaurant business, and was in that three years. He then entered the employ of John Blackmore, grocer, with whom he remained several years. His next venture was a business



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partnership with J. P. Wyatt, under the firm name of Wyatt & Reif, to conduct a grocery. They remained together two years, and then our subject bought Mr. Wyatt's interest in the establishment in September, 1887. He takes an interest in politics, as all good citizens should, and is to be found with the most stalwart of the Democrats.

Our subject was married in February, 1881, to Miss Ida, daughter of Henry Shubert, and their home is cheerful and cozy, Mrs. Reif being a true home-maker, and it is the center of a pleasant hospitality. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Reif was a dressmaker in this city, and did a good business in her line. Mr. Reif is now engaged with his father in the grocery business.

JOHN C. CARTMILL. An old settler of Madison County, Mr. Cartmill has materially contributed to its wealth and high standing as an agricultural center and has been prominent in its civic and political life, and in its various important offices of trust and responsibility. He has long been associated with the leading farmers of Fairfield Township and has been active in promoting its growth by clearing and developing a fine farm within its borders.

The parents of our subject, William and Isabel (Ferguson) Cartmill, were born in Virginia, and, desiring to see something of the Western country, in 1825 came to Ohio and made their home in what is now Oak Run Township, Madison County. They reared a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters, of whom our subject was third in order of birth. Alfred and Thomas Cartmill, brothers of John C, are represented elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. William Cartmill departed this life in Pike Township, where they held an enviable position among its best residents.

John C. Cartmill was born in Franklin County, this State, August 30, 1813, and, like other farmer lads in this locality, received a fair education in the primitive schools of that period. When attaining his nineteenth year, he learned the carpenter's trade, receiving as compensation for his services the first two years $10 per month. He was thus employed for six years, when he established a home of his own, and choosing the life occupation of a farmer, settled in Fairfield Township, on the farm where he is at present residing. His estate includes two hundred acres, which his industry and good judgment have placed under the best cultivation, thus giving it rank among the valuable estates in the townships.

In London, this State, Mr. Cartmill was married, December 13, 1838, to Miss Sarah A. Black, and to them were born a family of seven children, viz: Margaret, Isabel, Virginia, Edson, William, Charles and Henry. Isabel is the wife of I. N. Davidson; Virginia married William Strain and died in this township, March 30, 1880; Edson married Clara Mithoff; William became the husband of Miss Gertrude Walker; Henry married Mary Noland. Mrs. Sarah A. Cartmill departed this life July 13, 1858.

The lady whom our subject chose as his second companion was Rebecca Williams, who became the mother of one daughter, Jessie, and passed from earth March 27, 1868. Mr. Cartmill, in September, 1870, was married to Miss Adeline Walker, who was born in Virginia, September 28, 1828.

In local affairs our subject has held the office of Township Trustee and has always taken an active part in politics, voting a straight Democratic ticket. A man of public spirit and enterprise, he is justly regarded as one of the most valuable citizens of Fairfield Township, toward the prosperity of which he has contributed his untiring efforts. His portrait on the accompanying page will be welcomed by his many friends throughout the county.

HENRY S. LEWIS. Among the most beautiful and attractive homes in Pickaway County is that of Henry S. Lewis, situated on the Chillicothe, Circleville and Columbus Turnpike, four miles south of Circleville, on the famous Pickaway Plains. He has here a large and valuable farm, which is truly historical ground, and, with its broad and well-tilled fields,

handsome modern buildings, and all the conveniences for conducting every branch of agriculture, is, indeed, a model of its kind, and one of the finest places in the county.

Mr. Lewis is a native of Ohio, born in Chillicothe, May 25, 1864, and one of the younger generation of farmers who have stepped to the front within recent years and infused new energy and enterprise into the various business interests of their native State. His grandfather, who bore the same name as himself, and was a native of New Jersey, was one of the early settlers of Ross County, where his life was passed for the most part as one of its leading public officials, as he was for many years an incumbent of the various offices of County Recorder, Treasurer and Auditor. He was a half-brother of the noted family of Daytons, of New Jersey.

The father of our subject, Mathias Lewis, was born in Chillicothe, March 17, 1824. He began life as a school teacher, having been well educated, securing a position at twenty dollars a month, which was the first money that he earned, and which he used as capital to establish himself in business as a lumber merchant at Chillicothe when he was a young man. He devoted many years to the successful prosecution of that line of business, and then turned his attention to the hardware and implement business, in which he engaged until 1880, when he retired permanently from business. He was also during that time employed in the manufacture of news and wrapping paper at Kinnickinnick, having purchased the old Ingham and Crouse mills in 1869, and, refitting them, operated them for some time. He accumulated a handsome property, and is now living in retirement in Chillicothe in the enjoyment of his wealth. He was at one time a large land-holder, and had some nine hundred acres of land in this county, a part of which lay on the Pickaway Plains, and extended to the Scioto River, embracing a large tract of alluvial bottom land in the famous Scioto Valley. He divided this land between his sons, giving four hundred and twenty-five acres on the east end to our subject, and about four hundred and seventy acres to his elder son, Charles. His whole career shows him to be a man of more than ordinary business enterprise, and he has been a potent agent in advancing the prosperity and growth of his native county, and has contributed to the upbuilding of this to a certain extent. During the Rebellion, he showed himself to be intensely patriotic, and was very influential in rousing the same sentiment in the breasts of his fellow-citizens. He was Captain of an organized company of militia that did effective service at the time of Morgan's raid. He was prevented by physical disability from going to the front, but he organized and equipped with his own means a company known as the "Chillicothe Grays," with which he marched into Kentucky at the time of the Smith raid, and in other ways did a great deal for his beloved country in the hour of her deadliest peril. Mr. Lewis married Miss Annie M. Cosad, a native of Bellefontaine, and the daughter of Judge Anthony Cosad, who was born in France. To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have been born six children, of whom four are living.

Our subject was carefully reared under good home influences and was given good educational advantages in the Chillicothe High School, of which he is a graduate. He inherited much of the push and business tact characteristic of his father, and when he selected farming as the occupation to which his tastes most inclined him, his father gave him a good start in life, deeding him the farm that he owns and manages on the Pickaway Plains, and on which he located in 1884, devoting himself since then to tilling its rich soil and to raising standard grades of stock. For the past six years he has given considerable attention to breeding draft horses of the Percheron variety, and more recently has interested himself in raising blooded horses, of which he has several that are very promising.

Mr. Lewis has added extensive improvements to his farm, erecting a large, palatial frame residence, which stands on an eminence somewhat back from the turnpike afore-mentioned, which runs along the east line of the farm, and commands a magnificent prospect of the beautiful Scioto Valley and the whole of the level Pickaway Plains, where once stood Indian villages, this view being said to be the finest in Pickaway County.

Our subject's home is perfect in its appointments and elegant in its furnishings. His barns and other buildings are modern, and his stables are especially well arranged. He has already won a high place among the most progressive farmers of this section, and he is popular among his associates. He is imbued with true public spirit, and has the interests of his county at heart. He is well informed as to the political situation, and is a representative young Republican.

Our subject was married in 1888 to Miss May C., daughter of O. W. and Emily (Comstock) Shipman, both natives of New York. Her father is a prosperous merchant of Detroit, Mich., where he is engaged in a large wholesale and retail coal business, and he is also the proprietor of hard and soft coal mines in Pennsylvania, and is prominent in the business world.

Mrs. Lewis is a native of Waverly, N. Y. She is a refined and well-educated young lady, and presides with true grace over the beautiful home in which she and her husband live, cordially seconding his courteous and genial hospitality whenever friend or stranger is entertained beneath their roof. They have one son, Sanford, born October 23, 1889.

THOMAS JEFFERSON MORRIS, Auditor of Pickaway County, was born in Walnut Township, this county, March 11, 1854. His grandfather, John Morris, was born in Pennsylvania in 1797, and removed to Virginia, where he spent five years. He came to Ohio about 1802, and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Walnut Township, rented land, and upon that farm resided for a number of years, his first home being a log cabin. He became an extensive land-owner, having about one thousand acres. His son, James Morris, the father of our subject, was born on the home farm in Walnut Township, acquired his education in a log schoolhouse, and on attaining his majority, came into possession of one hundred and sixty acres of land, which he himself cleared. As his financial resources increased, he added to his possessions until he became owner of four hundred acres. He wedded Mary Davis, a native of Walnut Township, and a daughter of William Davis, who was born in Pennsylvania, and became an early settler of Pickaway County. The parents of our subject are still living. Mr. Morris is now eighty-one years of age, and his wife has reached the age of seventy-nine. They are among the oldest native citizens of the county. In politics, he is a Democrat, served as Justice of the Peace for eighteen years, and was Trustee for a number of years.

Our subject was the third in a family of nine children, seven of whom are now living. He was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, beginning work in the fields as soon as old enough to handle the plow. In the winter season, he attended the common schools, and in 1875 was a student in the Worthington Normal School, after which he engaged in teaching successfully for thirteen years. Subsequently, he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. As a companion and helpmate on life's journey, he chose Miss Clara K. Ritt, a daughter of Benjamin Ritt, a native of Pennsylvania. The lady is a native of Walnut Township. By their union have been born three children: Mary F., Emmett C. and Clara Helen.

After his marriage, Mr. Morris operated a part of his father's farm for several years in connection with school teaching, which he followed until 1889, when he embarked in the grocery business in Circleville, purchasing a half-interest in the store of Henry Pontius, of Court Street. Business was conducted for a year under the firm name of Pontius & Morris, when our subject withdrew and was nominated by the Democratic party for County Auditor. He made a strong canvass, and was elected by eight hundred and seventy-two majority for a term of three years. He is proving an efficient and popular officer, and the prompt and faithful manner in which he discharges his duties has won him the commendation of all. He served as Justice of the Peace of Walnut Township until he resigned on removing to the city. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. He has frequently served as a delegate to the county con-

ventions of his party, and was the youngest man who ever served in this locality as a member of the Democratic Central Committee of the county. He is a wide-awake and enterprising citizen, and well deserves representation in this volume.

HENRY C. WILSON. The chief use of biography consists in the noble models of character in which it abounds. Our great ancestors still live among us in the records of their deeds, and in the same manner, when the present generation shall have passed from earth, they will still live in the hearts of their descendants, furnishing examples of industry and patience for their posterity to imitate and admire. The record of the life of Mr. Wilson is calculated to increase a man's self-reliance, fortify his hopes and elevate his aims. He is one of the prominent agriculturists of Jefferson Township, Madison County, and we are pleased to note the evidences of his prosperity and success.

The great-grandfather of our subject, Valentine Wilson, was born near Harper's Ferry, Va., in 1785, and was a lad of five years when he accompanied his father to Kentucky. When seventeen years of age, he came to Ohio, and in 1806 was married to Miss Eleanor Judy, of Greene County, this State. He was afterward twice married and of his three unions nineteen children were born, seventeen of whom became heads of families. A man of great wealth, he at one time owned about seven thousand acres of land, beside his personal property, which was valued at $60,000.

The eldest of the six children born to Valentine and Eleanor Wilson was William D., who was born in Bath Township, Greene County, February 27, 1807, and departed this life on what is now known as the Darby Plains, March 25, 1873. He accumulated a vast estate, and so straightforward was his life, so honorable his dealings with all, and so energetic his work for the best that life affords, that even his enemies, if he had any, had nothing to say against him, but on all sides his praise resounded. A full history of Valentine and William D. Wilson may be found in the history of Madison County, published in 1883 by William M. Beach, M. D.

The grandfather of our subject was married to Miss Nancy Moore, who died in September, 1882. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Alexander, the father of our subject, was the eldest. He was born in this county, February 22, 1829, and when attaining mature years was married, in 1854, to Martha J. Millikin, and located on the tract where his father was then living. He later, however, removed to Plain City, and in 1863 settled near West Jefferson, where he died, June 29, 1881. He gave his entire attention to farming and stock-raising, and at the time of his decease owned two thousand five hundred acres of land. The mother of our subject, who still survives, is the daughter of Daniel Millikin and had her birth in Washington County, Pa., in 1829. By her union with Mr. Wilson four children were born, namely: Henry C., our subject; Lovina, the wife of William E. White, who resides in California; Grant, who died in infancy; and Albert W., who makes his home in Canaan Township and whose sketch will be found on another page in this volume.

A native of Canaan Township, Madison County, our subject was born April 23, 1856. When a lad of seven years, his father settled in Jefferson Township on the National Pike, just east of the village of West Jefferson. Four years later, in company with others, he crossed the Alleghany mountains on horseback with a drove of cattle, and visited different points in the Keystone State and Maryland. During his boyhood he also traveled extensively through Indiana, in company with some of his father's employes, who bought cattle there and afterward disposed of them to stockmen in Ohio. Mr. Wilson grew to manhood in this township and received his early education in the common schools of West Jefferson, the knowledge gained therein being later supplemented by attendance at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. He has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits and at the present time is the owner of seven hundred broad acres, to the carrying on of which he gives his personal atten-

DARBY SIDE FARM. HOMESTEAD OF ALEXANDER WILSON, DEC'D.

"DARBY SIDE FARM". RES. OF H. C. WILSON, JEFFERSON TP., MADISON CO., O.

tion. He also makes a specialty of raising stock, having some very fine animals on his place. His homestead, a view of which is elsewhere shown, is one of the most attractive in the township and contains all the modern improvements.

November 29, 1883, Henry C. Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Kate, the daughter of the late John Farrar, formerly a prominent citizen of London. Mrs. Wilson was born in London, July 29, 1857, and by her union with our subject has become the mother of a son, Walter F., who was born September 11, 1886. Mr. Wilson takes an active part in local affairs and has served his fellow-townsmen most acceptably as a Trustee of Jefferson Township. In politics, he casts a Republican vote, believing that party to be in the right. Religiously, he is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and gives liberally of his means towards its support. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and is also a Knight Templar.

WILLIAM P. SMITH, who is engaged in cultivating the soil of his excellent farm, which is pleasantly located on the Mill Road in Oak Run Township, Madison County, five miles from London, also devotes considerable time and attention to breeding a fine grade of stock, and by energy and perseverance has placed himself in the front ranks among the agriculturists in this section.

Our subject was born on the farm which he now owns and occupies July 20, 1861, and is the son of Jacob Chrisman and Amanda J. (Evans) Smith, the former of whom was born in Christian County, Ky., April 7, 1817. He was the son of William Smith, a native of Virginia, who removed to the Blue Grass State, and after residing there a short time, returned to Virginia, where the father of our subject grew to mature years.

William P. Smith is the younger of the two sons who are still living of the parental family of nine children. His brother resides in Douglas County, Kan. He of whom we write received his early education in the district schools, and later took a two years' course in Oberlin College, which institution he entered when about eighteen years of age. He then returned to the farm, and when twenty-two years old, engaged in partnership with his father, receiving a fair per cent. of the proceeds for his share.

Miss Mattie Baughan and our subject were united in marriage July 20, 1886. The lady was born in Pickaway County on the 13th of April, 1863, and was the daughter of David and Catherine (Adkins) Baughan, by whom she was given an excellent education. William P., of this sketch, remained with his father until the death of the latter, which occurred January 14, 1888, and since that time has acted as administrator of the estate, which includes three hundred and eighty-three acres in this township, and eight hundred and sixty acres in Douglas County, Kan., where his brother and mother are residing.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Smith include the following five children: Lillie Leah, who was born June 16, 1887; Wilber Glenn, July 4, 1888; Agnes Mabel, September 15, 1889; Amanda Bessie, December 1, 1890; and Earl William, January 20, 1892. July 9, 1889, Mr. Smith's dwelling was destroyed by fire, but he soon replaced it with a handsome commodious residence, which cost about $2,500. His place is supplied with all the needful outbuildings, and is thoroughly drained with many feet of tiling. In his political relations, Mr. Smith cast his first vote in 1884 for James G. Blaine, and although not in any sense an office-seeker, was appointed as delegate to county conventions, but did not serve, as he preferred to devote his attention to his private interests.

HENRY B. MORRIS, agent for the Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley Railroad Company since January 1, 1880, is a successful business man, and one of the jovial, large-hearted citizens of the county. He is a native of Pickaway County, Walnut Township, Ohio, born

February 19, 1841, and his father, John Morris, is also a native of Walnut Township. (See sketch of brother, Samuel Morris).

Our subject was reared between the handles of a plow, it might be said, for, when seven years of age, he was made to harrow, and ten years of age found him grasping the plow handles. A limited education was received in the common schools, but seeing the necessity for a better education as he grew older, he entered Otterbein University when twenty-one years of age, and remained there one year. Later, or in the winter of 1863, he went to Illinois, and began teaching school in McLean County, and after one term taught in that county, he returned to Walnut Township, this county, and taught school here for four winters. In 1867, he went to St. Louis and took a commercial course in Bryant & Stratton Business College, was graduated from that institution, and then went to Memphis and bought three hundred and twenty-seven head of Texas cattle for Morris & Longhry, extensive cattle feeders. During the fall of that year, he made a dozen trips to Pittsburgh with cattle. On the 1st of April, he became book-keeper for Morris & Longhry, at this place, and continued with them until October, 1874, when he was elected on the Democratic ticket to the office of County Auditor, which position he held for two terms, being re-elected in 1876. His ability and rare judgment and his peculiar fitness for this position made his terms very successful ones.

After leaving the auditor's office, Mr. Morris engaged as book-keeper for Heffner & Co., and remained with this firm until January 1, 1880, when he was appointed to the agency by the General Superintendent, who came to his office to solicit him to take the position. He took charge of the office, and has held the position since under the fourth superintendent. The business has more than doubled since then, and he has four men under him. Both the freight and new depot are the finest on the road. In 1871, Mr. Morris erected a fine brick residence on Union Street, between Court and Scioto Streets, and has a very comfortable and pleasant home.

Mr. Morris selected his wife in the person of Miss Amelia A. Scothorn, a native of Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and their nuptials were celebrated in Walnut Township in 1869. She was the daughter of Thomas Scothorn, who died on the 24th of March, 1848, when Mrs. Morris was small. She was educated in the Circleville High School, and is a lady of more than ordinary ability. Mr. Morris is a Democrat in politics, and has been delegate to county and State conventions. He is a member of the county Democratic Central Committee, and is a member of the Democratic Club. He is one of Pickaway County's most successful and popular citizens, and has a host of warm friends. Socially, he is a Knight of Honor.

CHARLES CLAYTON McCAFFERTY. A high rank among the farmers of Fayette County is held by our subject, who was born in Madison Township, April 5, 1860. He is the son of William and Elizabeth (Mace) McCafferty, the former of whom was born August 14, 1819, in the above-named township, while the mother, who is still living, had her birth in Ross County, June 16, 1824.

The father of our subject was six years of age when his father, John McCafferty, removed to Ross County, where he made his home until his marriage, February 14, 1845. Having inherited a small farm in Madison Township from his father, he located upon it and was so successful in all his undertakings that at his death he was the owner of two thousand acres of land. He became identified with the interests of Fayette County in 1845, arriving within its limits with one team, a bed, and $50 in money. With pluck and energy for his weapons for conquering circumstances, he soon won a foremost place among the farmers of this locality, and through wise investment and good management became a wealthy man. He was a Democrat, in politics, and was an ardent advocate of the stanch principles of that party.

He of whom we write was the youngest but one in the parental family of six children, all of whom are living and married except the youngest. Charles Clayton, in addition to receiving a common-school

education, took the entire course of study in the Mt. Sterling school. When reaching his majority, he spent a year and a half in Colorado, and for three succeeding years worked in the stock-yards at St. Louis, for Hunter, Ivans & Co. His business in the West was to select cattle from the ranches of that firm in Colorado, Nebraska, Montana, and other States and Territories.

Mr. McCafferty returned home in 1885, and on October 6, of the following year, was married to Miss Mary Crotty, who was born in Mt. Sterling, June 16, 1866. She was the daughter of John and Mary (Timmons) Crotty, and became the mother of two children: Mary Elizabeth, born September 30, 1887, died August 18, 1888; and Lewis Edward, born December 1, 1890. About a year after his marriage, our subject located upon his present farm, inheriting about two hundred and seventy-five acres from his father's estate. Although not a politician, Mr. McCafferty votes the straight Democratic ticket. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and, in church matters, is a Catholic.

JOHN T. ANDERSON. The simple record of an honorable life is the best monument that can be reared to any citizen, and we shall therefore not attempt to enlarge upon the history of the gentlemen above named, who is a retired farmer and at present residing in Lilly Chapel. His parents, William A. and Susan (Cumpton) Anderson, were natives of Virginia, and, coming to Franklin County, this State, in 1834, lived there for three years, and then took up their abode in this county, where their death occurred in Jefferson Township.

Our subject, who was born in Prince William County, Va., November 15, 1819, was the third in order of birth of the parental family of nine children. He accompanied his parents to this State and made his home with them until he was twenty-two years of age, at which time he was married to Elizabeth Welsh, by whom he became the father of four children, only two of whom are living, William W. and Sarah J.

After his marriage, Mr. Anderson located in Franklin County, where he resided for several years, and where his wife departed this life. Two years later, our subject came to Fairfield Township and made his home with his father for several years. The lady whom he chose as his second wife was Mrs. Anor Jackson, and to them were born a family of three children, viz: Charles E., John F. and Roxylana. Mrs. Anor Anderson passed to the land beyond in this township, July 1st, 1882. The lady who is the present wife of our subject, who was formerly Mrs. Maria Maybush, was born in Pickaway County, October 18, 1847. They are the parents of one child, a daughter, Lyda. Mrs. Anderson was known in her maidenhood as Maria Johnson, and by her union with Mr. Maybush became the mother of two children, Hattie and William W., the latter of whom died in infancy.

Being solicited frequently to enter politics, Mr. Anderson has represented his township in the positions of Trustee and Road Supervisor. He carried on mixed farming until 1873, when, having managed his affairs very profitably, he placed himself in comfortable circumstances and has lived retired in Lilly Chapel since that date. He still owns one hundred acres of land and also a neat home in the village. With his wife, he is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which denomination he has been connected since eighteen years of age. Mr. Anderson enjoys the confidence of the people in his community to the fullest extent and the universal esteem of his large circle of acquaintances.

ERNEST C. BREYFOGLE. This rising young farmer of Darby Township, Pickaway County, has made his own way in the world, and has achieved prosperity to a remarkable degree for one of his age. He is very active and progressive, and is a popular man in Derby, near which he makes his home. He was born in Columbus, Ohio, November 26, 1862, and his father, Charles Breyfogle, was born in Kutztown, Pa., February 28, 1815. He was the son of Sol-

omon Breyfogle, a native of Pennsylvania, and the first ancestor of the family in this country was the great-grandfather of our subject, who came from Virginia before the Revolutionary War with a family of three children, and located in Berks County, Pa. He lived on a farm there, which he cultivated, and also worked at his trade as cabinet-maker, continuing in life until he had compassed more than ninety years.

The grandfather of our subject was a farmer, and lived and died in Berks County, Pa. He was successful in the cultivation of his land, of which he owned some two hundred acres. His life was sadly cut short by means of a tumor in his face, which ended his days at the age of thirty-five. After his decease, his wife was united in marriage with his brother George, who lived to be ninety-eight years of age. She had by her first union one daughter and eight sons, and by the second marriage one son and eight daughters, eighteen in all. She lived to be a good old age, and brought up her numerous family in the faith of the Methodist Church, to which she belonged, and of which they all became members.

The father of Mr. Breyfogle was reared upon a farm, and subsequently learned the tailor's trade in Columbus, Ohio, to which city he walked from Pennsylvania at the age of sixteen, in company with his brothers. He then followed his trade throughout life, continuing active until he reached an advanced age. He was well known there, and was a member of the City Council for twelve years. For several terms, he was one of the Directors of the State Penitentiary. His political views made him a member of the Republican party, and he was a devoted adherent of the Methodist Church. His death occurred December 22, 1884.

The mother of our subject was known in maidenhood as Matilda Cloud, and was born in Champaign County, Ohio, January 4, 1819, living in that county until she was twelve years of age, at which time she removed with her parents to Columbus, where she met and married Charles Breyfogle. Of her ten children, eight grew to years of maturity. Their names are Charles, William, Selfa (deceased), Esther (deceased), Flora (Mrs. Grumman), Edward, Frank, Callie, Ernest and Frederick. She still resides in Columbus, and is an earnest and devoted member of the Methodist Church, to which she has belonged since she was twelve years old, and in the affairs of which she took an active interest until old age prevented. Her father, Robert Cloud, came from New England to Ohio at a very early day, and here pursued farming.

The Cloud family originated in America with one who came over in the "Mayflower" in 1620. That ancestor was the great-great-grandfather of our subject, and bore the name of Robert Cloud, and he brought with him his son Robert, who was then a boy, and who became the great-grandfather of Mr. Breyfogle. The name of Robert Cloud is mentioned in history as one of the Pilgrim Fathers, and the family on that side is of English stock. The sturdy qualities of this ancestor have been reproduced from generation to generation in his descendants, who have mainly followed agricultural and professional pursuits.

Our subject was reared in Columbus and educated in the public schools. From the time he was ten years old until he was fourteen, he devoted himself during his vacation to learning the confectioner's trade, and also put in two years of steady work at it. He became independent of his father's support at the age of fourteen, and when sixteen years old went to Johnson County, Kan., and worked for three years, after which he returned to Ohio, and worked on the farm in Fayette County for eighteen months. Later, he spent a year in Kansas, but after that returned and married in Fayette County, and took his wife with him to Kansas. He sold out there in 1886, and returned to Ohio in August of that year, making his home in Mt. Sterling until March 1, 1887, when he bought the present farm and settled here.

Miss Ella Jones, who became the wife of our subject, January 27, 1885, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, September 23, 1861. She is a daughter of James Jones, a sketch of whose life will be found elsewhere in this volume. She is the mother of two children, Edwin and Annette. Mr. Breyfogle has one hundred acres adjoining the village of Derby, and it is all tillable and richly productive soil. He has raised a few Percheron horses, and contemplates making something of a

specialty of raising that breed of horses. He has a large farm residence and an excellent frame barn, and everything about the farm bespeaks the thorough and systematic farmer. Mr. Breyfogle is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Mt. Sterling, and his political views are in accordance with the doctrines of the Republican party. His good wife is an active and efficient member of the Methodist Church, and a genuine favorite in social circles.

ABRAHAM ROSE. It is with genuine pleasure that we include Mr. Rose in this work, for he is not only one of the pioneers of Pickaway County, Ohio, but a man who is universally respected for his many estimable qualities. He was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, December 20, 1822, and is a son of Anthony and Mary (Woodring) Rose, natives of the grand old State of Virginia. His maternal grandfather Woodring was a Revolutionary soldier, and reached the remarkable age of one hundred and three years.

Anthony Rose, father of our subject, came with his parents to Fairfield County, Ohio, and resided there a number of years. After his marriage, or about 1828, he came to Pickaway County and settled in Madison Township, which was then but sparsely settled. He began his pioneer life in a log cabin and experienced the usual hardships and privations of the early settlers. His marriage was blessed by the birth of seven children, six of whom are living at the present time: William, in Indiana; Abraham, our subject; Catherine, wife of Josiah Wist, in Indiana; Isaac, in Illinois; Peter who died in the late Civil War; John, in Indiana; and Samuel, in Illinois. The father of these children died in Pickaway County, and in his death the county lost one of its pioneers and an honored and worthy citizen.

The original of this notice was reared to man's estate in Madison Township, this county, and knows thoroughly the meaning of pioneer life, for from early boyhood he became inured to the hardships experienced by early settlers. He grew up in the midst of the forest, and remembers when he used a wooden mole-board plow, and the old-fashioned sickle for cutting grain, etc. He received, a limited education in the early log schoolhouse with slab seats, boards on pins for desks, and other rude contrivances, and is mainly self-educated, for he has observed much and is a great reader.

He selected his wife in the person of Miss Sarah Crum, who has borne him three children: Calvin U., Clerk of Madison Township, this county; William J. and Elbert M. In 1877, Mr. Rose lost his devoted helpmate and counselor, his wife, and her death was the occasion of universal sadness, for she was loved and respected in the community. She was a member of the Lutheran Church, was active in all church matters, and had many warm and sincere friends.

By hard labor and excellent management, Mr. Rose has accumulated a comfortable competency, and is the owner of one hundred and forty acres of rich and arable land. He is prominently identified with the agricultural affairs of the county and is public-spirited and enterprising to an unusual degree. No worthy movement is allowed to drag for want of support on his part, for he possesses generous, true-hearted and hospitable instincts. He is a firm believer in the Christian religion, a member of the Lutheran Church. He is a stanch friend of education and has served as School Director for some time. In politics, he is a Democrat.

One of the pioneers of the county, he has seen the wilderness bloom and blossom like the rose, and has done his share towards its advancement. Mr. Rose has three grandchildren: Claude C., Lynn C. and Earl G., these being the children of Calvin U. Rose, who married Miss Sallie E. Griffith.

SAMUEL HOPPES. This sterling and leading citizen of Perry Township, Fayette County, who has proved his worth as a successful agriculturist, is at present residing on his farm in this township. He is the son of Hinton and Sarah (Garringer) Hoppes, natives of Wayne Township, Fayette County. The father

was born in 1819, and is the son of John Hoppes, who was born in North Carolina, and at an early day removed to this county. The mother of our subject was the daughter of David and Serena (Yeoman) Garringer, her birth occurring in 1826.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinton Hoppes lived upon a farm in Union Township until 1881, at which time they moved to Rockville. They were members of the Old-school Baptist Church, in which body Mr. Hoppes was Deacon. Our subject was the eldest in the parental family of eight children, only five of whom are living. His birth occurred June 15, 1846, on the farm in Wayne Township. His primary studies were conducted in the common schools in Union Township, and were supplemented by a course at Washington C. H. He remained under the parental roof until reaching his majority, when he taught one term of winter school in Union Township.

When starting out in life for himself, our subject purchased fifty-four acres of land in Wayne Township, which he farmed with signal success. He was married, January 27, 1874, to Miss Nancy, daughter of John and Nancy (McWilliams) Sollars. The father was born in Washington County, Pa., February 9, 1806, and the mother in Washington County, this State, March 22, 1808. They were married in Clermont County, this State, soon after which event they located on a wild farm in Wayne Township, Fayette County, which is their present abiding-place. They were the parents of eight children, three of whom are living. Two sons, Samuel and Franklin, participated in the late war. The former was fatally wounded at Paducah, Ky., and the latter died in the service, at Baltimore, of typhoid fever. Another son, John, took part in the Morgan raid.

Mrs. Hoppes was born November 3, 1848, and was given a good education by her parents. After her marriage with our subject, the young couple lived on the Milton Yeoman Farm in Wayne Township, Fayette County, and in 1881 moved to their present place of residence. Mr. Hoppes has a fine barn, 40x68 feet in dimensions, with basement, which was erected in 1887. He is the owner of one hundred and fifty-five acres in the home farm and one hundred and eighty-seven at Rockville, seventy-five of which are in timber. He is engaged in general farming and stock-raising and so manages the operations of his estate that he reaps a fine income.

To our subject and his good wife have been granted a family of six children, all of whom a e living: John, Hinton, Charles Hess, Samuel James, Nancy Ann, Robert Newton and Sarah Elizabeth. They have all enjoyed the best school advantages which the district afforded and are destined to become useful citizens. Politically, Mr. Hoppes is a Democrat and has served his township efficiently as Supervisor. His interest in educational matters has caused him to be placed on the School Board. He has been a hard worker all his life and the reward of his persistent industry is seen in his beautiful farm, which is one of the most productive in this section.

JOHN W. WILSON. Washington C. H. has furnished many examples of the success attendant upon persistent industry, fortified by the intelligence which impels to the improvement of opportunities. Notable in its history is the fact that many business men, while still quite young, have attained to success in their chosen occupations and have become important factors in the financial circles of the community. Among the successful young business men who are contributing to the rapid advancement of the city, may be mentioned the subject of this sketch, who is, perhaps, the youngest business man of the place.

Mr. Wilson was born near Leesburgh, Highland County, this State, April 24, 1869. He was less than one year old when death entered the parental home and removed from earth his father and mother, Joseph and Emma (Cox) Wilson. Thus sadly orphaned when too young to realize the extent of his bereavement, he was taken to the home of friends and lived at several places during his childhood. His education was acquired principally in the schools of Greenfield, although after coming to Washington C. H., in 1882, he attended school for a short time.

Early compelled to be self-supporting, our subject entered the shop of the Washington Stamping Company, where he remained four years. Later, he was in the employ of Messrs. Huling & Stubbs, in the stove and tinware business, for two years, during which time he learned the business thoroughly, and, being a tinner by trade, was fitted for first-class work in that line. In 1890, he opened a stove and tinware store, in which he carries a full line of cook, heating and gasoline stoves. He also does all kinds of tin work, as roofing, spouting, etc., and has worked up a large and flourishing business in his chosen occupation.

June 15, 1890, Mr. Wilson and Miss Rosa Fults were united in marriage, at the bride's home near Parrott Station, Fayette County, and one child has blessed their union, Emma May. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are identified with the Presbyterian Church at Washington C. H., and take an active interest in religious and charitable projects. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men of America, in both of which organizations he is prominent and popular. He owns two residences in Washington C. H., and has every prospect of gaining wealth in the prosecution of his business affairs.

CAPT. EPHRAIM HENKLE was at one time during the Rebellion in command of a company of volunteers who rendered a good service in the most trying period of their country's history. He is now, and has been for many years, interested in agriculture in Fayette County, owning a goodly farm in Union Township, of which he is a native. He had many obstacles to contend with in his pioneer labors, but he builded well, and now in life's decline has a competency as the result of his diligence, frugality and wise management in his earlier manhood.

The Captain was born April 23, 1818, in an humble frontier home on the banks of Paint Creek in the township of which he is still a resident, his birthplace being three miles from Washington C. H. His father, William Henkle, a native of Virginia, came to Washington, Ohio, with his parents, about the time that that city was founded. The mother was a daughter of Isaac Henkle, who was born and reared in Pendleton County, Va., and was one of the early settlers of Union Township, locating on the banks of Paint Creek. Like his father, William Henkle became a pioneer of this county, and while he lived did good work in reclaiming a portion of the soil from its original wildness. But his career was early brought to a close by his untimely death. He had married Barbara, daughter of one Isaac Henkle, who likewise came from Pendleton County, Va., very early in the settlement of this county. The mother of our subject married a second time after his father's death, becoming the wife of William Hidy, by whom she had three children, of whom but one is living, Jesse, a resident of Indiana.

Our subject was the only child born to his parents, and he had the misfortune to lose his father when he was very young. There was no public schools in his early days, and, though he went for a short time to a select school, he did not learn to read and write until after his marriage. His youth was mostly passed in his native township, with the exception of five years that he spent with a relative near Jeffersonville. After the death of his mother, he went to live with Jesse Fisk, with whom he remained until he had attained his majority. At that age, he took an important step in life, marrying Miss Mary Carr, a daughter of Joshua Carr, who also came to these parts from Pendleton County, Va. After his marriage, the Captain settled on a rented farm, a mile north of Washington C. H., and lived thereon eight years, in the meantime clearing and fencing much of the land, and putting it under cultivation. At the end of that time, he bought seventy-seven acres of his present farm in Union Township from Robert Randolph of national fame. The land was covered with the primeval forests that formerly abounded in this region, and our subject set to work with a good will to clear it. He felled the trees, placed the land under fine tillage, added to his original purchase, and now owns a choice farm of one hundred and forty acres of as well cultivated and finely

improved land as is to be found in the township. He devotes it principally to grain-raising, but he also raises some hogs and cattle of good grades.

May 2, 1864, is the date of the enlistment of our subject in the One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio Infantry as Captain of Company F, which had been gathered together by his active influence to repel the advances of the bold rebel raider, Gen. Morgan. That leader's band was met at Cynthiana, Ky., by our subject's command and four other companies, and some hard fighting took place, without definite result, however, until the next day another force of Union troops came up, and Morgan and his men were obliged to beat a retreat. Having successfully accomplished its mission, Company F was disbanded September 5, 1864, after five months' honorable service, and the gallant men composing it returned to their homes and quietly resumed their ordinary vocations. In that campaign, Capt. Henkle displayed admirable qualities as a leader, evincing true courage and self-possession when danger menaced and the battle was raging the fiercest. He has always been a devoted adherent of the Republican party, and has held public office with credit. He was Assessor of the township for four years, first elected in 1846, and he was a Director of the County Infirmary eleven years. He is interested in the religious welfare of the community as an active member of the Methodist Protestant Church, towards whose upbuilding he has contributed liberally.

The home of our subject was made desolate by the death of his beloved wife March 4, 1871, after a happy wedded life of thirty years. She was the mother of ten children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and seven of them are still living. They are William, a farmer, in Union Township; Jasper F., a resident of Sabina, who is President of the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church; Noah S., a farmer in Jay County, Ind.; Jesse C., who works in a machine shop in Springfield, Ohio; Katherine J., wife of Ezra Hyre, a farmer of Union Township, who was reared in Jasper Township, and is a son of Amzi Hyre, who was also a native of Fayette County, and whose people came from Virginia; Amanda S., wife of W. L. Dowder, a blacksmith at Sabina; and Elmeda, who married John Cohagan; and lives with him on her father's farm. Ellen, Mary Jane and Joel are the names of the children of our subject who are dead. Mary was the wife of James Bush.

SIDNER J. WARD. This prominent resident of Pickaway County is a wealthy and influential citizen of Walnut Township. He is a native of the county, his birth occurring January 13, 1823. He is the son of Richard C. and Matilda Ward. The father was a native of Virginia, and when a boy, his parents emigrating to Pickaway County, he also came hither and located in Walnut Township with the family on the farm now owned by James Ward. Here the elder Mr. Ward died, December 9, 1857, greatly mourned by all who knew him.

We make the following mention of the parental family who survive: Our subject; Sarah E., the widow of William M. Holt, and Elizabeth, Mrs. A. C. Nothstine. Sidner J. Ward of this sketch was reared to man's estate amid the pioneer scenes of this county, and has watched with interest the gradual evolution of the country from its original wild state into productive farms and its present prosperous air of rural comfort. He has done his full share in developing this section, assisting his father in clearing and improving the virgin soil.

Our subject had not the advantages offered to the youth of to-day for securing an education, and his first schooling was obtained in a log cabin with slab seats and puncheon floor. He was an apt pupil, however, and, making the best of his limited opportunities, is to-day a well-educated and intelligent gentleman. He was married March 5, 1857, to Catherine Ward, who was born April 1, 1838, in Fairfield County. She was the sister of James Ward, a resident of Walnut Township, and for a sketch of whom the reader is referred to another portion of this volume.

Mr. Ward of this sketch is the proprietor of a magnificent estate comprising over seven hundred acres of valuable land. He has placed good improvements on his farm, and standing conspicu-

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ously among his substantial and convenient farm buildings will be noticed the comfortable residence which is presided over by Mrs. Ward, who is a most excellent and hospitable lady. She has greatly assisted her worthy husband in attaining to his present high standing in the agricultural community, and he gives her all due praise.

In his political relations, Mr. Ward is a Republican, and has been actively interested in all measures which had for their object the upbuilding of his community. Mrs. Ward is a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, and, with her husband, is enjoying the peace which comes to those who have led an honest and upright life, respected by all their friends and neighbors.

GEORGE T. SILVER. Among the men who are doing well financially through cultivating the soil in Madison County is Mr. Silver who owns a fine estate in Jefferson Township. He has erected substantial buildings on the place and from his three hundred acres of carefully-cultivated land a plenteous harvest is gathered at the proper season.

John Silver, the father of our subject, was born July 1, 1801, in Pennsylvania, and at his death in July, 1882, left a magnificent estate. He occupied a prominent place in church affairs and held the position of Deacon in the Baptist Society for a number of years. He was first married to Miss Mary Koontz, who bore her husband three children, Richard, Henry and Asa. A sketch of the latter appears elsewhere in this volume.

The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Catherine Speaker; she was born in Bedford County, Pa., February 12, 1809, and on coming to Madison County, this State, in 1837, located in Jefferson Township, where her death occurred April 17, 1885. She was the mother of eight children of whom our subject was the seventh in order of birth. Of the other members of the family the following is recorded: Ann, the wife of Abner Whiteley died in Platte County, Mo., March 14, 1873; Mary M. resides in Madison County; Eliza J. married S. W. Durflinger and died in London, this State, May 23, 1878; Sue E. departed this life December 2, 1871; John W., David and Rachel died in infancy.

Born January 14, 1847, our subject was reared to farm pursuits on the old homestead, and has made that calling his life-long occupation. The old homestead, which is located at the forks of the National and Urbana Pikes, includes three hundred acres which he owns together with his sister Mary M. In politics, Mr. Silver invariably casts a Republican vote and has done much toward furthering the temperance cause in his locality, being an active worker in the Blue Temperance Lodge. He has been Deacon in the Baptist Church for a number of years, and as one of the respected and useful citizens of Madison County well deserves representation in this volume. His portrait is shown on the accompanying page.

SAMUEL W. MILLER, ex-Auditor of Pickaway County, is residing in Circleville, where he is extensively engaged in handling real estate, owning about three hundred acres on Darby Bottoms, some ten miles west of the city in Muhlenberg Township. Mr. Miller was born March 21, 1858, in Darbyville, and his father, William A. Miller, was a native of Shepherdstown, Va., where his birth occurred January 3, 1818. His father, also named William Miller, was a native of the Old Dominion, and was a patriot in the Revolutionary War. The latter-named gentleman came to Ohio and died while on a visit to his son.

The father of our subject, although trained to the life of a farmer, when choosing an occupation, learned the trade of a tailor. In 1848, he came to this State a single man and located in Darbyville, where he erected one of the first stores, and engaged in the general merchandise business. He was successful in all that he undertook, and at the time of his decease, was well-to-do in this world's goods. In his political relations, William Miller

was an old-line Whig. During the late war, being too old to enlist, he gave liberally of his means to aid in the Union cause. He departed this life October 30, 1875.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Paulina Hill Thompson, who was born in Darbyville, and was the daughter of Samuel H. Thompson, one of the pioneers of that city. He married Miss Hannah Hill, daughter of the Rev. Mr. Hill, an old pioneer clergyman and missionary, and the early explorer of this county. Grandfather Thompson was a farmer near Darbyville, where his decease occurred. Mrs. Paulina Miller was educated in the log schoolhouse of her district, and when completing her studies, taught school for several terms. She is at present residing in Darbyville with a daughter, and has been an invalid for the past twenty-five years.

The parental family of our subject included five boys and three girls, six of whom are living, and of whom Samuel W. was the third youngest. He was reared in Darbyville, where he attended the district school, and when fourteen years of age taught his first term of school. He continued to be thus occupied for the four succeeding winters, attending college during the summer months at the West Ohio University at Delaware, and being compelled to abandon his studies when in his Sophomore year. When about twenty years of age, in April, 1879, our subject bought out Mr. Davidson, who was engaged in the general merchandise business at Ashville, and, in company with his brother James D., organized the firm of Miller Bros. At that time they were the second merchants in the place, which was but a small village of a few houses, and, at the time of his departure, contained eight hundred inhabitants. Miller Brothers continued thus until our subject purchased the interest of his partner, and continued alone. He was instrumental in incorporating the village, of which he was made Treasurer, and later its Township Clerk, being elected to the latter office in a Democratic Township, by a majority of one hundred and ten.

In 1887, our subject was nominated on the Republican ticket for County Auditor, and was elected to that position by a majority of sixty-eight. He was the first County Auditor to occupy the new court house, and was the incumbent of that position until September, 1891, when he retired to private life. He gives his entire time and attention to the real-estate business, handling large amounts of land in this county. The County Treasurer, J. M. Lane, appropriated about $50,000 of the county's money and skipped out, "jumping" his bond. It was through the efforts of our subject that the new bond, which had been missing, was found and filed in time to save the county losing the money. Mr. Miller is very popular in his community, where he is recognized as a shrewd, honest and upright business man.

In social matters, he of whom we write is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons at Circleville, the Royal Arch Masons, the Knight Templars, being identified with Consistory Scottish Rite and Mystic Shrine. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In his political relations, he is, and always has been, a true-blue Republican.

ISAAC B. BARNES. Of the various enterprises that have made Circleville one of the progressive cities of the State, the lumber trade has always held an important place, employing large capital in its conduct, and giving to other industries a decided impetus by the energy and ability displayed in its development. Among the prominent business firms engaged in this line is that of I. B. Barnes & Co., who have their headquarters at the corner of Ohio and Pickaway Streets.

Our subject was born on a farm near New Lexington, Perry County, Ohio, on the 9th of March, 1858, and is the son of A. R. and Barbara (Bailey) Barnes, natives of Perry County, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, respectively. The father was a farmer and owned large tracts of land. He was an extensive sheep-raiser, keeping only the best blooded stock, and was one of the foremost men of the county. His buildings were all of a first-class order; a neat and tasty residence added very much to the looks of the place, and he had large bank barns, capable of hold-

ing two hundred tons of hay. He sold out in 1874 and came to Circleville, where he has been engaged in the lumber business with his son ever since. In this, he makes as much of a success as in agricultural pursuits. His father, the Rev. Isaac Barnes, was a native of Bedford County, Pa., and of English descent. He was a pioneer Baptist minister of Perry County, Ohio, a man highly esteemed for his many estimable qualities, and lived to be seventy-six years of age. Grandfather Bailey was of Irish descent, he being the only son of an Irish nobleman, but his marriage against the wishes of his father caused an estrangement between them and he was consequently cut off by will from his inheritance and patrimony.

Isaac B. Barnes, the fourth in order of birth of the seven children born to his parents, remained in Perry County, Ohio, until fifteen years of age and received a good practical education in the district school. He then came to this county and began tilling the soil on a farm his father had purchased in Deer Creek Township, and this continued until 1881, when he began attending the West Point schools. After this, he started in the lumber business near Foresman Bros'. Mills, and continued there until 1885, when he brought his stock to Circleville. He and his father bought two acres between Pickaway and Washington Streets and erected several houses on it. Since then, they have erected several residences in the Fifth Ward and others in different parts of the city. They handle a large amount of lumber, and are thorough-going, wide-awake business men. Their sheds are among the finest in the State, slate roof, double deck and two hundred and fifty feet in length. They are engaged in contracting and building and handle a greater variety of wood than any other house in the city, walnut, cherry, oak, ash, sycamore, elm, maple, etc. They deal in lumber, lath, shingles, doors, sash, blinds, frames, heavy building timbers, molding, pickets, posts, fencing, etc.

The firm have a fine residence adjoining their yards, surrounded with all the comforts and conveniences of life. Isaac B. is a member of the Council, representing the Fifth Ward. He was the only Republican ever elected in that ward, and it speaks well as to his popularity, he being elected by a good majority. He is recognized as one of the influential Republicans of the county, and has served as Central Committeeman. He is a Knight Templar and at the present time is Eminent Commander of the Scioto Commandery. He is a Methodist in his religious views and has been Steward of the church for some time.

JAMES S. BRANNEN, whose home is to be found in Union Township, Fayette County, is a son of William Brannen, of Irish descent, who came to Ohio and settled in Fayette County in 1810. He married Mrs. Casebolt, *nee* Bartlett. They had a family of four children, and all of them grew to maturity. The three who are now living are William, Thomas and our subject. The eldest son resides upon a farm in Union Township, and Thomas is a farmer in Missouri. The only daughter, Elizabeth, died at the age of eighteen years.

When William Brannen first came to this county, he bought two hundred and thirty acres of land in Union Township, but died before much of the land was cleared. He was a prominent man in the township and was a Republican in his political views. James Brannen was born March 28, 1832, in Union Township, and here received his education in the district schools of this and Wayne Townships. He was bound out when about thirteen years of age to Mr. Rogers, of Wayne Township, this county, and lived with him for seven years. He then worked for his brother and for Mr. Coffman until he was married, February 4, 1854, his bride being Hannah Betzer, whose father, John Betzer, was a prominent farmer of Ross County, this State. Of the eight children in the Betzer family, only two are living, Mrs. Brannen, and Harriet, who married Andrew Post.

After marriage, Mr. Brannen moved onto a farm that he had inherited from his father on Paint Creek. After living there some eight years, he sold the place and moved to the one where he now resides. It then comprised a tract of ninety-

four acres, part of which was cleared. He reduced it all to a state of cultivation and has made of it a fine farm. One child has blessed this home, Alzina, who is the wife of Robert L. Silcott, of Union Township. She is the mother of four children: James, Harry, Clara and Ames.

Our subject is a member of the Sugar Grove Methodist Church, in the work of which he takes an active interest. His political views bring him into alliance with the Democratic party, although he is not active in politics. At the present time, he has forty-seven acres of land, all in excellent condition and highly cultivated. He raises large crops of grain and has much stock upon his place.

HENRY B. CONVERSE. Madison County is greatly indebted to her native-born sons for the part they have taken in forwarding her various interests since they came upon the stage of action. It is of one of these that this sketch is written. Henry B. Converse is a young man of rare ability, energy and progressiveness as a farmer and stock-raiser, who has one of the best-equipped farms in Canaan Township, advantageously located five miles south of Plain City.

This township is his birthplace, the date of his birth being January 8, 1850. His father, James N. Converse, was also a native of Madison County, born in Darby Township, October 29, 1823, in the early days of the settlement of this part of Ohio. He was a son of Charles Converse, who was a native of Vermont, and came to Ohio in 1814, casting in his lot with the few hardy pioneers who had preceded him in Darby Township. Our subject is also descended from the early pioneer stock of Ohio on the maternal side of the house, his grandfather, James Calhoon, being a son of people who were among the first to settle in Portage County, where he was born. The mother of our subject, Julia A. (Calhoon) Converse, was born in Canaan Township, October 30, 1826. The parents of our subject were married in their native county by old Squire Allen, who performed the ceremony that made them man and wife in Plain City. They took up their abode in Canaan Township on a farm, and there the father passed his remaining days, dying at the age of sixty-four years. The mother is still living in Canaan Township, and is sixty-six years old.

Henry Converse and his sister Elizabeth, Mrs. Cary Millikin, of Jefferson Township, are the only children of their worthy parents. Our subject laid the foundation of his education in the district schools of his native township, and was subsequently an attendant one winter at Capital University in Columbus. He next pursued an excellent course of study at J. A. Peasley's Business College in the same city, and, when he began life in earnest, was well fitted for the work that lay before him in the calling with which he had always been familiar, which Horace Greeley styled "the noblest of professions," and his success as an agriculturist is undoubted. He has improved a choice farm of two hundred and eighty-five acres, mostly under cultivation, and handsomely appointed with as fine a set of buildings as can be found in the township of Canaan. In 1884, Mr. Converse erected a brick house, of a modern and appropriate style of architecture, at a cost of $6,000, and he has built a large barn, 104x62 feet in dimensions, and a model of its kind, besides having other substantial buildings. He makes a specialty of raising sheep, and now has a fine flock of twelve hundred of high grade.

Mr. Converse was married September 16, 1875, to Miss Lizzie H., second daughter of Uri and Eleanor (Downing) Beach. Two sons and a daughter have been born unto them: Walter, who is attending school at Plain City; Julia, who is at home with them, and Uri Beach, who was born June 3, 1892. Mrs. Converse is a representative of the early pioneer families of Madison County, of which both her parents were natives. Her paternal grandfather, Uri Beach, was born in New Hampshire December 7, 1789, and was one of the original settlers on Darby Plain, where he located in 1817. His memory is honored as the founder of the town of Amity, which he laid out, and where he established two flourishing industries by building a sawmill and a

woolen factory. Mrs. Converse's parents had seven children, of whom three others are living beside herself: Timothy, Isaac and Uri. Mrs. Converse is a lady of fine character and superior culture, who well graces the important social position she holds with her husband in the community. She was a student at the Western University, at Delaware, which she entered in the fall of 1871, closing her connection with that institution of learning, as a student, in the year 1874, which was her Junior year. She is Secretary of the Beach Family Association, which holds reunions annually.

Our subject has long been prominent in the councils of his fellow-townsmen, and so popular is he that he is often called to responsible offices, notwithstanding that he is a Democrat, while the majority of the citizens of the township are Republican in the ratio of two to one. He is now one of the Trustees of the township, and has been Treasurer thereof. He is likewise a conspicuous figure in various social organizations, as follows: Urania Lodge No. 311, A. F. & A. M., at Plain City, of which he is Senior Warden; Adoniram Chapter No. 73, R. A. M., at London; London Council No. 41, R. & S. M.; Mt. Vernon Commandery No. 1, K. T.; the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Society, at Cincinnati, in which he has taken the Thirty-second Degree; the Serion Temple, at Cincinnati; and Lodge No. 159, K. of P., Plain City. He was once a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

BALDEN CLIFTON CARPENTER. Although not an early, or, at least, one of the very early settlers of this part of the State, Mr. Carpenter may well be classed among the pioneers who laid so well the solid foundation of Pickaway County's growth, are still concerned in its progress, and are bulwarks of its present prosperity. Our subject was for some time after his advent in this county, in the vigor of early manhood, one of its most enterprising merchants, but for many years he has been identified with its farmers and stockmen, and still has a large farm in Muhlenberg Township, which he rents, while he makes his home in Darbyville.

Mr. Carpenter was born in Fleming County, Ky., April 22, 1811, his father, Simon Carpenter, a native of Virginia, having been an early settler of that region, and one of its most prosperous farmers. He owned two or three farms in that part of Kentucky, and was potent in promoting its development. He lived to a ripe old age, dying when about eighty years old; and the record that he left behind him was of a life well spent. He was a Whig in politics, and was all that a loyal citizen ought to be. The maiden name of his wife, who died at a venerable age, was Sally Fee, and she was also a Virginian by birth. They reared a family of four children.

Our subject was reared amid pioneer environments, and his character was doubtless strengthened thereby, as he early displayed manliness and resolution. His boyhood was passed on a Kentucky farm, and his education was obtained under difficulties, so the modern scholar would think. He had to go two miles to school, over rough paths, and through creeks that he had to wade. But his recollections of those times are pleasant. He still retains a picture in his memory of the old log schoolhouse, with its open fireplace and rude slab benches, and recalls how he used to play with zest "Blackman Andy Over," and similar games common among the children of those days. At the age of seventeen, he began life in earnest, splitting rails for a living, receiving seventy-five cents a hundred, and chopping wood at seventy-five cents a cord, working from daylight to dark. He could cord twenty-one cords of wood and split forty rails in a single day, and he has split as many as four hundred and eighty rails in a day, as he worked with extraordinary celerity and made every stroke of his axe count.

In October, 1837, our subject set out from the old Kentucky home on horseback on an ever-memorable journey to seek a new dwelling-place, and arrived in Pickaway County on the 31st of the month. At that time, he was without money, but he lacked neither a stout spirit, enterprise, nor the requisite energy and insight into business matters

to insure success. He soon opened a store for the sale of general merchandise in Darbyville, and carried it on for nearly twenty years. At one time, his store was broken into and goods to the value of $10 stolen. He, however, tracked the thief and secured payment. He used to go to New York and Boston for all his merchandise, often driving cattle to the former city, disposing of them at a good price, and returning home with articles for his store. He built up a large trade, people coming to purchase of him for miles around, and it was no uncommon sight to see as many as forty teams in front of his establishment at one time.

In 1857, Mr. Carpenter sold out and took two hundred and fifty acres of land in part payment for the store. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, farming the land, or hiring it done, and buying and fattening many cattle and sheep. He purchased additional land whenever he had a good opportunity, and at one time owned thirteen hundred acres, but he has given his sons a hundred acres each, and now has but six hundred acres in his own name. He rents this, some for cash and some for grain, and thus derives a handsome yearly income. He does not live on his farm, but resides in Darbyville in a large brick residence, which he purchased six months after it was built, and has made it his home ever since.

Our subject was married in October, 1850, to Miss Anna English. Mrs. Carpenter is a native of Oswego, N. Y., born September 22, 1829, to Abram and Hannah (Gratesinger) English. Her father was a farmer, and came to this county with his family in 1838. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have had eight children, as follows: Winfield S.; Theodosio.; Thomas H.; Florence, who died when three years old; Simon N.; Job; Harry B.; and Minnie, who died at the age of eleven years and six months.

Mr. and Mr. Carpenter are highly thought of by all who know them, and in them the Presbyterian Church has two of its most valued members, whose every-day life shows the consistency of their religious profession. In politics, Mr. Carpenter was a Whig until the Republican party was formed, and he has since been unswerving in his advocacy of Republican principles. He held the responsible office of Township Treasurer for a number of years, and has ever manifested true public spirit as regards the welfare of the community of which he has so long been a member. He is one of our self-made men, who began life without means, and have worked themselves up to positions of honor and wealth. He is quiet and unostentatious in his manner, honesty and fairness have characterized all his dealings throughout his business career, and in the accumulation of his property he has shown that he is a man of accurate judgment and of keen understanding in financial matters.

JAMES H. WALKER, whose farm and residence are situated on the Wilson Pike in Canaan Township, six miles southwest of Plain City, is well known throughout Madison and adjoining counties as a dealer in horses, who handles none but the best, and is conducting a successful business in that line in connection with general farming. Mr. Walker is a native of this State, and was born in Brown Township, Franklin County, February 23, 1855. His father, Daniel Walker, was of New England birth and antecedents, born in the State of Vermont in the year 1818. He was twelve years old when his parents became pioneers of Madison County, coming to this State in 1830, and here he met, and afterward married, Isabella, daughter of Mathias and Sarah Slyh, who were early settlers of this county, where she was born.

After marriage, the Walkers located on a farm in Brown Township, situated on the banks of the Big Darby, Franklin County, where the father of our subject passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1887. He accumulated a comfortable property by his industry, and left behind him a golden record as a man and a citizen, who was true in all the relations that he sustained towards others, and was well worthy of the regard in which he was held by all who knew him. His wife survives him, and is now fifty-seven years old. They were the parents of four children, one daughter, Sarah J.,

and three sons, Frank, James H. and Price. Their daughter married J. L. Converse, and died in 1890, leaving two children, a son and a daughter.

Our subject is the second child and second son of his parents, who reared him carefully under wholesome home influences. He attended the local schools of his native town, and by close study and observation was well equipped for any calling or any walk in life that he might choose to pursue. His inclinations led him to take up farming and stock-raising, and while with his father, with whom he remained until he was twenty-three years old, assisting him in the management of his farm, he gained a thorough practical experience of agriculture in all its branches. When he was ready to settle on a farm of his own, he bought the beautiful place on which he resides in Canaan Township, and has here one hundred acres of very fine farming land, besides one hundred acres in his native township. A neat house, good barn and other necessary buildings are on his homestead, and he has every convenience for carrying on general farming. He raises the finest breeds of horses, making a specialty of buying and selling Percheron draft horses and imported coach horses, and he also breeds them. He had four sales this last winter (1891-92) and some of his horses brought from $1,800 to $2,500 a piece. He has two Percheron stallions, valued at $2,500 and $1,600, respectively. Our subject is also breeding the best trotting strains of horses to be found in this part of the State. He is also interested in raising fine Shropshire sheep and Short-horn cattle, and has his farm well stocked with both.

Mr. Walker was married May 9, 1879, to Miss Anna M., daughter of Francis and Mary Jones, who were born in Wales, and came to the United States in 1835. Mrs. Walker was born in 1854, in the same township in Franklin County that is her husband's birthplace. Immediately after marriage, they established their home on the farm in Canaan Township, where they have ever since lived, and their pleasant household circle is completed by their two children, Blanche and Kenneth.

Our subject has a high reputation in the business world as a perfectly honorable, straightforward, candid man, of irreproachable habits, outspoken in his opinions, and free-handed in the use of his means. In politics, he is identified with the Prohibitionists. In his social relations, he is a member of Lodge No. 157, K. P., at Plain City.

SOLOMON McCLIMANS. This representative farmer of Range Township, Madison County, is at present engaged in farming and stock-raising on his fine estate, located one-half mile south of Danville. He is a native of this township, having been born August 15, 1835, and is the son of Isaac and Mary (Parker) McClimans. The father was born in Ross County, this State, March 23, 1805, and was about seven years of age when his father, John McClimans, came to Range Township, and located on a piece of land on the Yankeetown and London Road, which property is still in the possession of the McClimans' family.

Isaac McClimans was given a good education, and here married our subject's mother. She was a native of this county, and received a fair education in a country school. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Pennsylvania, and was of Scotch origin. At his death, he left a family of nine children, among whom he divided his estate of two hundred acres. They bore the respective names of George, John, William, Samuel, Isaac, David and James; Margaret, who married William Johnson, and Sarah, who became the wife of Isaac Howsman.

The father of our subject was twice married, rearing a family of four children by his first union, and nine by his second. Our subject was the youngest of the first family, and had two sisters, Mary and Rebecca, and one brother, John. The mother of our subject was born in December, 1809, and died February 17, 1838, having been married just seven years. The father was very wealthy, and at his death left an estate of six hundred and eighty acres of land in Range Township. He was a Democrat in politics, casting his first vote for Andrew Jackson in 1836.

Solomon McClimans grew to manhood on the farm in Range Township, and made his home with his father until he was twenty-five years of age. October 15, 1861, he was married to Eliza Ann Henry, who was born in Ross County, this State, June 14, 1841. She is the daughter of Hugh and Maria (Rogers) Henry, both natives of Ross County, and after her marriage with our subject lived for five years on the home farm. In 1865, they purchased three hundred and eighteen acres, where they now reside, upon which they removed the following year. In addition to the property just mentioned, Mr. McClimans owns one hundred and fifty-seven acres one and one-half miles north of Danville, which he purchased in 1883.

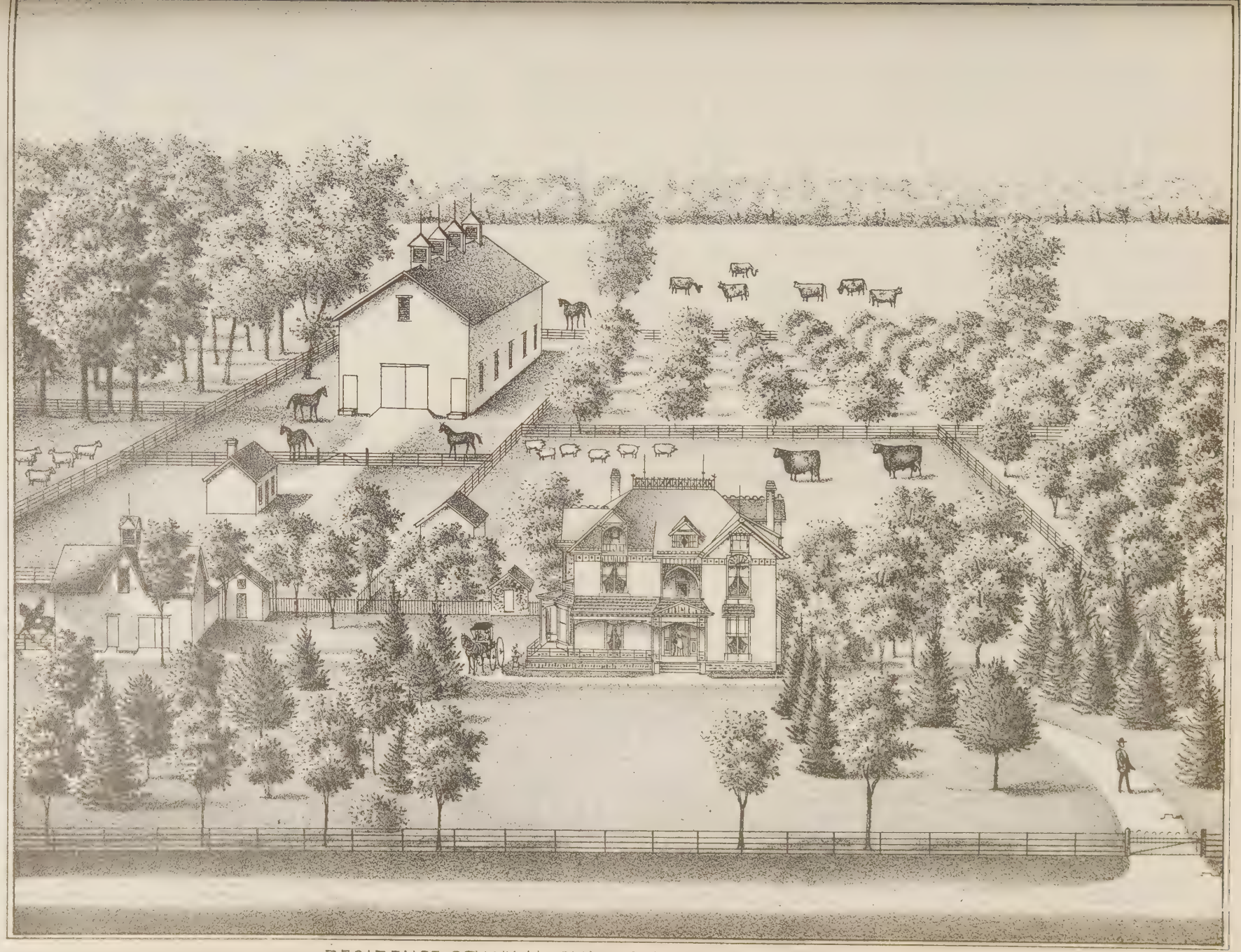
To Mr. and Mrs. McClimans have been born three children: Herman Albertis, who married Mirte Yates, and resides in Range Township, where they have one son, Wilbur; Ella May and Charles William are at home. Though not a politician, Mr. McClimans casts his vote for Democratic candidates, and served his township as Trustee for eight years. He has been School Director in the Danville district since locating here, and possesses the entire confidence of his friends and neighbors.

WILLIAM H. GUY. This well-known and honored representative of an old and prominent family of Madison County, of which he is a native, is one of its most progressive and successful farmers and stock-raisers, and is the proprietor of one of the most beautiful and valuable farms within its borders, the farm being perfect in its appointments, which are modern; its soil cultivated after the most approved methods of agriculture; and finely graded stock of noted breeds are in its pastures.

Mr. Guy, who resides on his farm five miles east of Mechanicsburg, was born in Pike Township, May 2, 1838, and has always made it his home. He is a son of William Guy, who was a native of Vermont, and came to Ohio with his parents, James and Mary Guy, when he was a small boy. They were also natives of Vermont, and were of English descent. The mother of our subject was Adelaide Fullington in her maiden days, and was a native of Vermont. Her parents were George and Rebekah (Greeley) Fullington, her mother, who was born in Vermont, being a relative of the distinguished Horace Greeley. She was likewise of English descent, and was a small child when her parents brought her to Madison County, of which they were early settlers. Here she grew to womanhood, was married to the father of our subject, and they began their wedded life on an unimproved farm in Pike Township.

Mr. Guy worked assiduously to develop his land, first building a log house for a dwelling, in which he and his family lived until 1848, when he erected the good brick house in which he still makes his home. He is now an old man, who has passed the eighty ninth milestone of the long journey from the cradle to the grave, and he is now peacefully and calmly awaiting life's great end. He has been deprived of the companionship of his wife, who died in her seventy-sixth year. They were the parents of six sons and three daughters, six of whom are living: Edwin A., a resident of Champaign County; Henry C., who lives in Pike Township; William H.; C. W., a resident of Pike Township; Clara, wife of Charles Phellis; and Walter F., a resident of Pike Township; Mary J., who married John O. Dye, is dead; Rebekah, who married Charles W. Williams, is now deceased; Lewis died at the age of two years.

William H. Guy is the fourth child and third son of the family. He early displayed good talents as a scholar, and was given a liberal education, attending first the district school of his native place, and afterward pursuing his studies at Mechanicsburgh and subsequently at Delaware. He was thus well fitted for any occupation in life that he might decide upon, and having been reared to that of a farmer, his tastes turned in that direction, and agriculture in its various branches has been his life work. He remained with his parents until he was twenty-eight years old, gaining a deep insight into practical farming, and his father then gave him the farm upon which he now resides in his native township.



RESIDENCE OF WM. H. GUY, PIKE TP., MADISON CO., OHIO.

There were no buildings upon the place, and our subject may well take pride in the fact that the handsome, modern improvements that now adorn it and render it, with its picturesque surroundings, one of the finest estates in the county, are the result of his own labors. He settled on his homestead three years after his marriage in the fall of 1866, and is constantly adding to its value by able management. He and his family are extensive land-holders, owning fifteen hundred and seventy acres of land of surpassing fertility, nearly all of which are in Pike Township. The buildings are of a high order of rural architecture, including ample barns, granaries, etc., and an elegant two and one-half story frame house, built in 1885, heated throughout with steam, and having all the conveniences of the best-constructed city dwellings. The house is finely finished as to its interior and handsomely furnished, and the grounds around it are adorned with large evergreens and other evidences of a cultivated taste, which make the place a charm to the eye and a very pleasant feature in the landscape. A view of this lovely home is elsewhere shown.

Mr. Guy is one of our most extensive stock raisers, keeping none but the best, and is noted far and wide for his fine herd of Short-horns, for his Shropshire sheep, for his Poland-China hogs, and for his valuable French coach horses. He is a man of a broad, cultured mind, of a frank and generous disposition, possessing firmness and resolution withal, and is truly public-spirited, delighting in the prosperity that his native county has attained, and using his influence to further its interests. He is a Republican, always loyal to his party, and has mingled in the public life of his community from time to time. He was Trustee and Assessor of the township for several years, and while serving in those capacities was potent in securing public improvements.

Mr. Guy and Miss Sarah M. Oyler were united in marriage September 27, 1866, and theirs is a congenial union, fraught with true happiness to themselves and their household and to all who have come under their influence in the passing years. One son and two daughter have been born unto them, as follows: Charles Phellis, a graduate of the High School at Mechanicsburgh, whence he went to the State University at Columbus, which he attended three years; Alice Rebekah, a graduate of the High School at Mechanicsburgh and of Harcourt Place Seminary at Gambier, Ohio, and Eva M., a pupil in the same institution. Mrs. Guy was born in Tippecanoe County, Ind., February 22, 1845, a daughter of William G. and Rebekah (Phellis) Oyler the father, a native of England and the mother born in Vermont. She was a niece of Charles Phellis, Sr., by whom she was educated at the female seminary of Cleveland, Ohio. She came to Madison County when she was seventeen years old. A lady of rare excellence of character, she is gifted with tact and good taste, is an admirable housewife, and knows full well how to make home pleasant and happy.

REV. THOMAS B. ATKINS, who resides in Plain City, was born in Preble County, Ohio, March 15, 1832. He is a son of Thomas Atkins, a native of South Carolina, who came to Ohio in 1830, and located in the county where his son was afterward born. Later, he removed to Rush County, Ind., where he made his home on a farm until his death, which occurred in 1891, when he reached the very advanced age of eighty-six. He was a prominent and official member of the Presbyterian Church, and was of English descent. The family is noted for long life, and our subject's grandmother lived to reach the age of ninety-three.

Thirteen children made up the household into which our subject was born. The eldest one died in infancy, and the remainder grew to man's and woman's estate. Six of the family are now living, four sisters and two brothers. Our subject is the sixth child and fifth son in this large circle. His first education was obtained in the district schools of Rush County, Ind., in 1851, and later he attended the Rushville Academy for three years, taking a classical course, after which he entered the college at Monmouth, Ill., remaining for three years, and there completing his classical course. During this time, he taught in connection

with his own pursuit of an education. In the spring of 1861, he was licensed to preach under the United Presbyterian Church, and after four years in this connection, he was transferred to the Old-school Presbyterian Church. His first charge was at Newcastle, Pa., and afterward he served the churches at Mt. Carmel, Thornton, Bellbrook and Delaware, before coming to Plain City, where he has now been preaching for four years.

It was while residing at Bellbrook, Ohio, that the Rev. Mr. Atkins was united in marriage on the 10th of January, 1868, with Miss Carrie Morris, a native of Greene County, Ohio. They are the parents of one son, G. Glenn, who was born in 1869, and to whom they have given a liberal and professional education. At the age of nineteen, he graduated at the Ohio State University at Columbus, and two years later took his diploma in the law school at Cincinnati. He is now taking a theological course at Yale College, at New Haven, Conn.

MATHEW W. MARK. One of the best-known residents of Fayette County is Mr. Mark, whose birth occurred within its borders seventy-one years ago. He is at present residing in Concord Township, where he is engaged in superintending the cultivation of his fine tract of land. He is the son of Peter and Mary (Legore) Mark, natives of Pennsylvania, where the father's birth occurred in 1776, and the mother's four years later.

The parents of our subject were married in the Keystone State, and came to Ohio in 1810, residing for a few years in Ross County. In 1815, they made their advent into Fayette County and located on the tract of land which is the present property of our subject, and which was then in its original wildness. Neighbors were few and far between when the elder Mr. Mark located upon his one hundred and sixty acres, which he set about industriously to improve. He departed this life in 1854, in which year the mother also died.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mark had born to them twelve children, only three of whom are living, three sons, one of whom resides in Iowa, one in Missouri and our subject. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics, Mr. Mark was an active Whig. He of whom we write was born August 30, 1821, on the old homestead, where he has passed his entire life. He commenced going to school when six years of age, but was permitted to attend only three months until reaching his fifteenth year. He aided his father in clearing and preparing the land for cultivation, and has watched with interest the gradual evolution of this country from its original wildness into beautiful and productive fields.

In 1842, Miss Hannah Kirkpatrick became the wife of our subject. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bush) Kirkpatrick, both of whom are deceased. The father was a very early settler in Jasper Township, locating here in 1820. To them were born five children, only two of whom are living. Mrs. Mark was born September 16, 1825, in this township, and by her union with our subject has become the mother of twelve children, nine of whom are living. One son, John W., was a soldier in the late war; he is at present residing in Pickaway County. Susan E., Mrs. Miller, makes her home in Nebraska; Elizabeth is Mrs. I. M. Sollars; P. Lewis was the next in order of birth; Rachael F. Slagle, Adine E.; Effie M., Mrs. Sea brook, resides in Nebraska; Annie L. and James L. P. Lewis is a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Our subject and his estimable wife are members in good standing of the above-named church, where Mr. Mark was Trustee for fifty years and Class-leader for many years. He has been Sunday-school Superintendent, and contributes generously to the spread of the Gospel; at present he is serving as Steward. In politics, he of whom we write is a Republican and has served his fellow-townsmen in the capacity of Road Supervisor, during which time there was great improvement made in this district. He has been a member of the School Board of this locality for nine years, and is also identified with the Township School Board.

The landed possessions of our subject aggregate

two hundred and seventy-five acres, almost all of which has been placed under improvement. He worked hard and industriously during his earlier years, and at the present time is living in the full enjoyment of the results of his labors, surrounded by a host of friends and relatives. During the late war he was drafted into the one hundred days' service, but was not accepted on account of physical disability.

JOHN HENRY, who is engaged in the livery business in Circleville, and is an enterprising man, claims New York as the State of his nativity. He was born on the 4th of March, 1847, in Steuben County, and is a son of Alex Henry, a native of Dublin, Ireland. When quite young, his father came to America. His first location was made in Canada, whence he removed to Maryland, and afterward went to New York. He there engaged in farming and stock-raising, shipping stock quite extensively. He married Elizabeth Dunlap, a native of Belfast, Ireland. In his political affiliations, he was a Democrat and in religious belief he was a Catholic. His death occurred in 1882, and his wife passed away in New York in 1884. In their family were eight children, six of whom are yet living.

The subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth. He was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads and his early education was supplemented by a course in the Academy. He remained at home until sixteen years of age, when, in 1863, he started Westward, traveling through Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. He represented, as its traveling salesman, a large clothing house of New York City. His health failing him, he went to Texas in 1866, hoping to be benefited by a change of climate, and continued in business as a representative of the New York house. He was one of the first commercial travelers in Texas. He traveled by team all over that State, but his principal route was between Galveston and Houston. He spent two years in the Lone Star State and then retired from that line of business. In 1868, he bought a hotel in Washington County, Iowa, which he operated for two years and then sold out. He was next again employed as a traveling salesman for the firm for which he had formerly worked, his route being through Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. He embarked in business in Circleville in 1873, purchasing the livery stable of Bechtell & Stooker, and now has the largest and finest stable in the city, it being well-equipped with a nice line of carriages and turnouts, while his barns show some of the finest horses in this locality.

Mr. Henry was married in Circleville, in 1867, to Miss Maggie E. Feney, a native of this city. Six children have been born of this union: Joseph F., who is engaged in business with his father; Stephen J., Marie H., John E., Mary E. and James D.

Mr. Henry owns a fine farm of one hundred acres on the Scioto Bottoms, Pickaway Township. This is a well-improved tract of land, which he rents, and it yields to him a good income. His own pleasant home residence is situated on Franklin Street. In connection with his property, he owns a fine undertaking establishment, which he purchased in April, 1891. It is located on Court Street and he is now doing a good business in this line. In politics, Mr. Henry is a Democrat, and has served as a delegate to the county and State conventions. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and contributes liberally to its support. He is a pleasant, genial gentleman, well known throughout the community, and his personal appearance is pleasing.

LEVI HOPKINS. This name will be immediately recognized as that of one of the most prominent residents of Fayette County. He is a fine representative of the progressive farmer and his industry and perseverance have been rewarded, as his fertile and productive farm will show. His estate, which is pleasantly located in Madison Township, will compare favorably with any in this section. Mr. Hopkins is a native of

this State, having been born in Buckskin Township, Ross County, May 9, 1824, to Mathew and Sarah (Harper) Hopkins.

The father of our subject was born June 6, 1796, in Washington County, Pa., and was a lad of ten years when he came to Ross County with his parents. His father, the grandfather of our subject, Edward Hopkins, had purchased three hundred acres of land, which, at the time of his death, was divided among his three sons. The maternal grandmother of our subject, Rebecca Marlin, was born on the Atlantic Ocean and was a relative of William Penn.

The mother of our subject was born in Maryland in 1797, and came to Ohio with an elder sister when quite young, her parents being dead. She was married to Mathew Hopkins February 28, 1819, and became the mother of four children, of whom our subject was the youngest but one. Mrs. Hopkins departed this life September 16, 1827, when Levi was three years of age. The father, April 3, 1828, was married a second time, which union resulted in the birth of four children.

Of the brothers and sisters of our subject, Rebecca, the eldest, married Adam Day and died at Hillsboro, Highland County, this State, leaving a family of seven children, two of whom died in the Union army. William, the second child, was a soldier during the late war in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Infantry, and losing his life near Vicksburg, was buried on the banks of the Mississippi River. Our subject was the next in order of birth, and Maria, who married John E. Bridwell at Leesburgh, Highland County, this State, was the youngest in the family.

He of whom we write received a fair education in the common schools and began to do for himself on attaining his eighteenth year, still making his home with his father. May 24, 1858, he was married to Miss Rachael A. King, of Fayette County, where she was born May 21, 1832, and was a daughter of John and Rachael (Hixon) King. Mr. Hopkins with his wife resided in Ross County and operated the old farm until the decease of his father, which occurred February 18, 1878. He received $200 from his father's estate, and the first property which came into his possession was the two hundred acres which were contained in his present farm. His land is under thorough cultivation and the comfortable residence and numerous outbuildings attest to the thrift and industry of its owner.

The five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins are Marcella, who was born June 26, 1859, married Alvaro Taylor and has a family of five children; John Ellsworth, born June 25, 1862, makes his home in Pickaway County and is the father of two children; James Wilber, who was born October 5, 1866, is married and has one child; Harley Lawson, who was born December 11, 1870, is at home, and Celia, born October 8, 1865, died in infancy.

In politics, our subject in early life was an old-line Whig and cast his first Presidential vote in 1848 for Gen. Taylor. On the formation of the Republican party, he voted for Fremont, but is now a Prohibitionist. Although not in any sense an office-seeker, Mr. Hopkins did efficient service as Trustee in Buckskin Township, Ross County. With his wife and family, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which denomination he has been Steward, Trustee and Class-leader.

John King, the father of Mrs. Hopkins, was born March 6, 1786, in Loudoun County, Va., and her mother was born in Ohio, April 12, 1792. They were married February 25, 1808, in Ross County, this State, and in 1813 came to this county and located on the farm where the father died. They had a family of seven sons and three daughters, viz.: Bennett, Sarah H., Timothy H., John, Reuben, Wesley, William, Elizabeth, Rachael A., and James C. Mrs. King died December 9, 1843, and May 24, 1845, her husband was married to Alcina Cherry, who departed this life in September, 1878. On his first marriage, Mr. King was dressed in a home-spun hunting shirt and buckskin breeches and moccasins made by himself out of the raw hide, he being a shoemaker. His bride was decked in a checkered or cross-barred cotton, woven by her father, and her shoes were made by the bridegroom, Mr. King shooting the squirrels and tanning the hides out of which they were made. They went direct from the altar to the sugar-camp, where they held their infare. Their first house was made

of round poles, clapboard roof, puncheon floor, and chimney made of sticks and mud, serving the double purpose of heat and light. The furniture used in this rude dwelling was of the most primitive construction, the cupboard being made of split boards resting on pins in the wall and holding a few pewter plates, wooden knives and forks, wooden bowls, a gourd and hunting-knife. The bread was baked in the ashes and the pies baked on leaves. Mr. and Mrs. King were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and many times entertained the itinerant preacher. In 1820, Mr. King was licensed to exhort, and in 1823 was ordained a Deacon and ten years later an Elder, which office he held until his decease, February 4, 1868, having been a minister for forty years.

WILLIAM H. MORRIS was a native of Pickaway County, born September 20, 1835, a son of one of its early settlers, and his death, August 2, 1890, deprived his community of the services of a valued citizen, who had been active in its agricultural and other interests. He was a son of Ezekiel and Catherine (Bowman) Morris, who were among the first to settle in Walnut Township.

Our subject passed his boyhood days in very much the same way that other farmers' boys did in pioneer times, and in early life he gave his attention to farming. Later, he had control of a flour mill, and beside manufacturing flour did a thriving grain business. He was much prospered and acquired a valuable property. He did much to develop the interests of the township, and took pride in the steady growth of his native county, materially adding to its wealth by his industry and business energy.

Mr. Morris attended the district school in his youth, but he was mostly self-educated in the truest sense of that term, ever making good use of his intellectual faculties, and being gifted with that plain common sense that often serves a man far better than mere book learning. His name stood high in financial circles, and his reputation was untarnished. He was well informed in politics, and was a Democrat from beginning to end. When death fell upon him in the midst of an active and useful life, he was greatly missed, not only in the home circle, where he was all that a kind husband and father could be, but also in the business world of which he had formed a part.

Our subject was eminently happy in his domestic life among his wife and children. His marriage with Miss Mary J. Cromley was solemnized March 4, 1868, and of their union three children survive: Arthur C., Clarence E. and Mary A.

Mrs. Morris was born January 15, 1842, in Pickaway County, and is a daughter of William and Sarah Cromley, early pioneers of Walnut Township, of whom an account appears in the biography of her brother, the Hon. T. E. Cromley. Mrs. Morris is the owner of four hundred and thirty acres of land, and under her able management her property yields her a comfortable income. She is a lady of high character and standing in the community, possessing many pleasing attributes that have won her many friends, and she is an active member of society.

DELOS R. GRAHAM. It is with pleasure that we record a life sketch of one who is so prominent, both as an old resident and as a brave and loyal soldier of his country. Mr. Graham, whose home is in Scioto Township, Pickaway County, was born here, August 10, 1840, and his father, Alonzo D. Graham, who was born in New York in 1814, was a son of William Graham, a New Yorker of Scotch descent. The grandfather lived upon a farm, which he carried on until his death at the age of sixty-five. He was a Whig in his political affiliations.

The father of our subject was reared upon a farm, and learned the trade of a brick-mason when eighteen years of age. In 1839, he came to Ohio with his brother-in-law, Richard Clark. Each of these young men had a horse, and, putting them together, they made a team with which they jour-

neyed Westward being two weeks on the way. Mr. Graham bought one hundred and ninety-eight acres of land in the woods, and building a log cabin, proceeded to improve his farm. He was a hard worker and devoted himself to clearing his farm in the winter and working at his trade in the summer. He was an active member of the Baptist Church, and a leader therein, and politically was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. He lived to be seventy years old and died in 1884.

The mother of our subject, Martha Clark, was born in New York in 1819. She became the mother of nine children, seven of whom are still living, namely: Delos R., Melissa A., Albert R., Sophia, Malvina, Ida and Charles. She died at the age of sixty years, and was deeply mourned in social and church circles, having been an active member of the Baptist Church. Her father, Richard Clark, was a native of Rhode Island, and a farmer, who moved to New York previous to his marriage and brought his family to Ohio in 1837, locating in this township, and developing a farm of fifty acres. He died at the age of ninety years. He was a Baptist in religious matters, and a Whig in politics.

The subject of this sketch was here reared upon a farm, and remembers well seeing herds of deer near his father's home when a boy. His education was gained in the subscription school of that day, in the old log schoolhouse that had an open fireplace and slab benches. At the age of twenty-one, he began life for himself, but soon left the avocations of peace for the camp and the march, as he enlisted August 16, 1861, in Company H, Thirtieth Ohio Infantry. He was mustered in at Camp Chase and sent to Virginia.

Eight days after entering that State, the regiment participated in a fight at Carnafax Ferry. Numerous skirmishes engaged their efforts from time to time, and they took part in the battles of the second Bull Run, South Mountain and Antietam, and were with Sherman at the siege of Vicksburg, and later in the battle at Jackson, Miss., and in the conflict at Chattanooga. Later, they took part in the famous Georgia Campaign, where they were in conflict every day until their term of service expired, and were mustered out of service September 13, 1864. The young hero would gladly have re-enlisted, but was not considered available as a soldier on account of physical disability.

Having returned home to Pickaway County, the young man decided to go farther West, and spent 1866 to 1877 working on a farm, and in a sawmill in Kansas, after which time he returned again to Ohio. He was married October 16, 1870, to Miss Emma Welsh, of Fairfield County, Ohio, who was born in that county, July 12, 1849. They have only one child, Araminta, who is now the wife of Archibald Griffey, of Commercial Point, and is the mother of one child, Alda.

Mr. Graham has a fine property, consisting of one hundred and ten acres, most of which is in an improved condition, and has been cleared and cultivated by himself. Here he carries on mixed farming, raising both grain and stock, and has made considerable of a specialty of raising draft horses. The United Brethren Church is the religious body with which Mr. and Mrs. Graham are connected, and of which he is a Trustee, and they both take an active interest in its affairs. His political views are in harmony with the doctrines of the Republican party, and he is an efficient member of the Grand Army Post at Ashville.

ANDREW S. BELL, whose sketch now invites attention, is proprietor of the Webber farm, making a specialty of breeding Jersey cattle. He occupies a prominent place among the stock-raisers of Madison County, and has won success by the earnestness with which he has pursued his calling. His farm is located in Oak Run Township, and is supplied with all the comforts of life, and made cheerful and attractive by the good tastes of himself and his estimable wife.

Our subject is a native of this county, having been born in Fairfield Township, November 12, 1846, and is a son of Thomas and Susan (Montgomery) Bell. The father, who was a native of Cumberland, England, was born July 14, 1794,

and came to America when twenty-three years of age. He was twice married, and became the father of eight children, of whom our subject is the second in order of birth of the four included in the second family. His mother, who was born March 18, 1809, in Ross County, this State, was the daughter of Hugh and Catherine Montgomery. She accompanied her parents to Madison County, where she grew to mature years, and was married to Mr. Bell, April 21, 1844. The father died February 3, 1875, when in his seventy-ninth year.

He of whom we write spent his boyhood days on the farm and in attendance at the common schools, beginning for himself when sixteen years of age by working out on farms by the month. He was thus engaged for three or four years, and then rented his father's place in Fairfield Township until the parents removed to what is now his present estate in 1874. His property includes one hundred and fifty-four acres of excellent land, fifty acres of which he has cleared himself. He devotes his time and attention to the breeding of Jersey stock, many of his animals being registered. Among these is "Miss Clifford," No. 27,962, in the A. J. C. C. Herd Book, which made a record of seventeen pounds fifteen and one-half ounces of butter in seven days. Mr. Bell also owns her daughter, "Miss Clifford Second," registered as No. 56,149, whose record is sixteen pounds four and one-half ounces of butter in seven days, and "Casta Belle," No. 56,148, whose record is fourteen pounds and fifteen ounces of butter in seven days. In addition to these fine animals, he owns five daughters of "Miss Clifford," which are rapidly coming to the front.

Our subject has always been a lover of fine animals, but did not give his attention to Jersey stock until his wife urged him to invest in that breed of animal, and, indeed, he gives to her the credit of bargaining for the first Jersey in 1881. He ships his cream to Columbus, and in keeping an account of the product of his animals finds that they yield him over $100 per head per year.

The lady to whom our subject was married, November 11, 1874, was Miss Esther Ella, daughter of Job and Eleanor (Hunt) Edwards. She was born in Fairfield Township, this county, June 19, 1853. In politics, Mr. Bell is a Republican, and has served on the School Board for a number of years, also as Supervisor for one term, Trustee for four or five terms, and Assessor and Treasurer one year each. He was elected Director of the County Infirmary for a term of three years, and has been a delegate to the county and congressional conventions many times.

JOSEPH SHOEMAKER. The first land entered in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, was in May, 1801, when the father of our subject made an entry of land, and the patent issued to him bore the date April 20, 1802, and was signed by President Jefferson. Subsequently, this pioneer took up claims to large tracts of Government land in other portions of Pickaway County, as well as in Fairfield County, which he developed from its primitive condition. He removed his wife and children to the claim in Salt Creek Township, and there remained until death terminated his useful career, about 1814. He was in the War of 1812, returning from the service in feeble health and never fully recovered from the effects of exposure and the hardships of army life.

The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Elizabeth Huy, and she was a native of Berks County, Pa., where her husband was also born. After the death of Mr. Shoemaker, she was united in marriage with Dr. Ballard, who was an early settler of Pickaway County, coming here in 1817, and continuing in practice for many years. Mrs. Ballard was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church and lived a consistent Christian life until called hence, in 1862. The Doctor survived until 1878. Of her first union three children were born, but Joseph is the only one now living.

In the village of Tarlton, our subject was born February 8, 1808. His schooling was gained in the pioneer log schoolhouse with its limited advantages, the academy at Lancaster and the schools of Circleville. When his education was completed, he was engaged for one term as a teacher, receiv-

ing $50 in compensation for his services. He had been reared on a farm and had a love for that occupation, which induced him to enter it for his life calling. In connection with general farming, he was interested in stock-raising, and was accustomed to drive hogs to Baltimore, the journey occupying fifty-six days. He also made occasional trips over the mountains with cattle, and through these journeys gained a fund of experience which was helpful to him in later years.

May 22, 1832, Mr. Shoemaker was united in marriage with Eliza W. Carpenter, a native of Vermont, who accompanied her parents to Athens, Ohio, and was engaged as a school teacher prior to her marriage. After more than a quarter of a century of wedded life, she passed away in 1858. She was the mother of four children, namely: Otis B., deceased; Cynthia S., wife of Henry R. Miller, of Greenfield, Ohio; Mary E., who married the Rev. T. R. Taylor, Presiding Elder of the Chillicothe (Ohio) District; and Anna E., the widow of Joseph Ward.

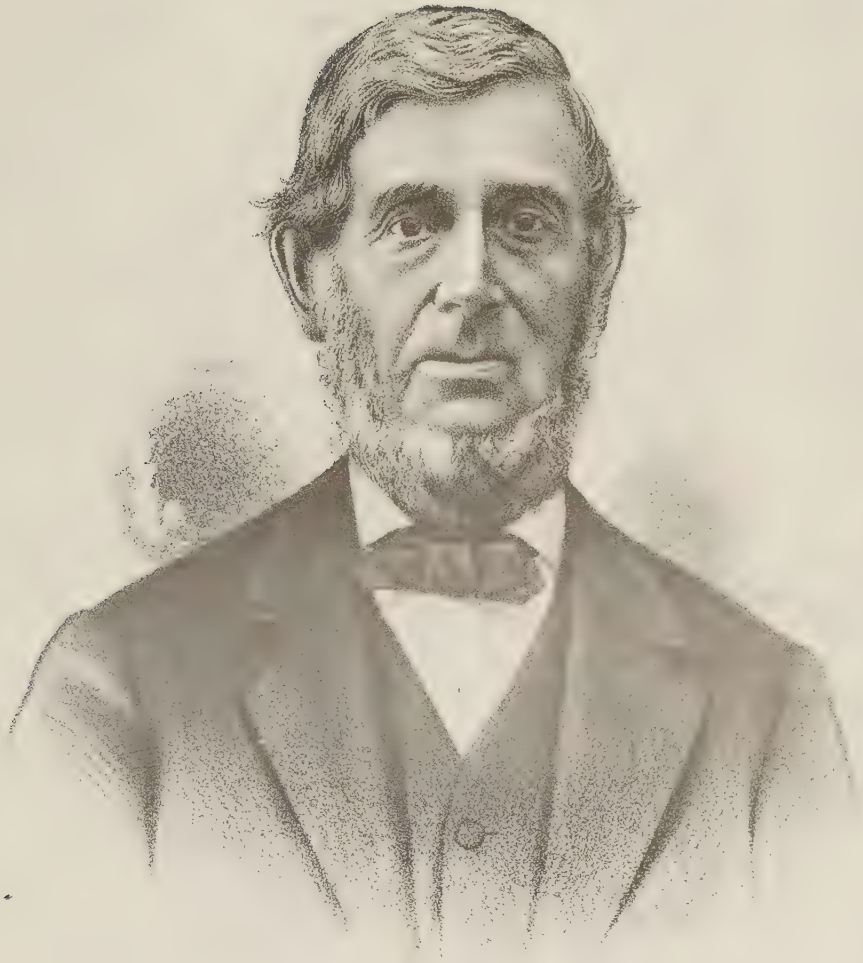
The second marriage of our subject, June 2, 1862, united him with Miss Nancy C. Meeks, a native of West Virginia, and they are the parents of two children: John W., who is married and lives in Tarlton; and Joseph, who is at home. First an old-line Whig and later a Republican, Mr. Shoemaker has always favored those issues which will elevate society and promote the interests of his fellow-citizens. In 1832, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, and during the sixty years that have come and gone since then he has labored for the upbuilding of the church. He has served as Trustee, Steward, Class-leader, and was Superintendent of the Sunday-school about twenty years. He has also been a delegate to annual conferences and has contributed liberally to religious enterprises. A firm supporter of temperance, he never used tobacco in any form, and in the early days never furnished liquor in harvest times, as was the universal custom.

The home farm of Mr. Shoemaker adjoins the village of Tarlton and consists of two hundred and fifty acres, besides which he owns one hundred and fifty acres in Fairfield County, directly north of Tarlton. The homestead is watered by Salt Creek and Hay Run, and is in a high state of cultivation. The brick residence is one of the old landmarks of the country, erected in 1834, and is a substantial and roomy dwelling. Farming has been the life calling of Mr. Shoemaker, with the exception of two years spent in the mercantile business at Tarlton.

The parents of Mrs. Shoemaker were William and Nancy (Vincent) Meeks, both Virginians, who died in 1874 and 1861 respectively. They were descendants of one of the F. F. V's and were people of worth and kindliness of heart. Of their twelve children, eight are living at the present time. In her religious belief, Mrs. Shoemaker adheres to the faith of her parents and is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which she is quite active. She is a lady of culture and refinement, devoted to the welfare of her family and prominent in the social circles of the community.

MISS HANNAH E. LEAVELL. This work would fail in its idea of placing before its readers and patrons in Fayette County the life history of its noted men and women, were we to omit the name of Miss Leavell, who is a native of Madison Township. She is at present superintending the operation of five hundred and fifty acres of land, a portion of which is the property of her sister in St. Louis. She is gifted with physical and intellectual activity, decision of purpose and calm judgment, which traits have been very useful to her in the conduct of her affairs.

Miss Leavell was born on the place where she is at present residing, and is the daughter of Maj. John and Cynthia A. (Hedges) Leavell. Her father was born in Culpeper County, Va., in 1775, and came to Ohio when a lad of eight or nine years from Kentucky, whither they had removed. He received his title of Major in the War of 1812, and was present at the battle of St. Clair, where his brother Gabriel was killed. The parents of our subject



Jacob Valentine

were married in Pickaway County, this State, and at the time of his decease in 1854, Mr. Leavell owned nearly one thousand acres of land in Madison Township, Fayette County. The children comprised in the parental family were Mary Ann, who married William Clarriage; Cornelius G., who resides in Madison Township; John was next in order of birth; Benjamin F. was the fourth child; William C. died in infancy; Nancy M. is a practicing physician and makes her home in St. Louis; and Hannah E., who is the youngest of the family.

The original of this sketch received a common-school education, and made her home with friends in Pickaway County for six years after her mother's decease, which occurred in 1834. She now cultivates her large estate in a most intelligent and profitable manner, having had charge of the same since 1888. Possessing marked force of character and unswerving honesty, no resident of the county enjoys greater esteem than she and no one has proved to be more thoroughly reliable and trustworthy.

JACOB Z. VALENTINE. This gentleman, who is one of the oldest native-born residents of Pickaway County, is also one of the prominent and successful farmers within the limits of Circleville Township. His estate is under fine cultivation, for he believes that the best methods and latest improvements in the way of farm implements bring him in the largest returns. Not the least among the substantial buildings on his place is a large, commodious brick residence in which he intends to spend his declining years, in the quiet enjoyment of the prosperity which his early toil has assured. Although in his eighty-fourth year, he is hale and hearty, and his life has been such that he bears the good-will of all who know him.

Jacob Z. Valentine was born in Pickaway County, August 22, 1808, and was the son of John Valentine, who was born in Frederick County, Md., in 1781, and removed to this county in 1805. The grandfather of our subject, Jacob Valentine, was born, lived and died in Maryland. Previous to locating here on the date above mentioned, John Valentine had visited Ohio and taken up Government land for himself and brother. He was married in 1804 to Margaret Zigger, whose birth occurred in Bucks County, Pa. Her father, Jacob Zigger, was also a native of that State and came to this county in 1802, having visited this section previously and entered land where the city of Circleville now stands. He was the father of a large family and was one of the earliest settlers in this locality.

At the time the father of our subject made this county his home, it was thinly populated, wild animals, especially deer, being very plentiful in those early days. He lived to see a large portion of his tract of land put under cultivation and died in 1845. His wife had preceded him to the better land some years. They were both members in good standing of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The original of this sketch was the eldest of the parental family of eight children, all of whom are deceased with the exception of himself and his brother Israel, who makes his home in Circleville. His educational advantages, like those of most pioneer youths, were limited, but he acquired enough learning to give him an impetus to pursue his studies alone. The primitive schoolhouse contained an old-fashioned fireplace at one end of the room, with slab seats and a puncheon floor. As soon as he was old enough to work, our subject began clearing the land and chopping wood. He was employed some by other parties, but during the busy season aided his father in cultivating the home farm.

When starting out in life on his own account, Jacob Z. Valentine purchased one hundred and fifty-four acres of land in Circleville Township, upon which he located in 1845, and where he has since made his home. He was married in 1844 to Elizabeth, daughter of George Myers, a native of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Valentine had previously been married to David Young and passed from this life in 1881, aged seventy-five years. One child was born to our subject and his wife, a son, Jacob, who died in his twenty-seventh year. He had been married to Sarah, daughter of Bently and

Matilda Groce, and became the father of three children, only two of whom are living: Mabel and Jacob.

Mr. Valentine has always voted the Democratic ticket, casting his first vote for "Hickory" Jackson. He has been the recipient of many local positions of responsibility and trust, all of which he has filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. He united with the Evangelical Lutheran Church soon after reaching his majority, and has been a zealous member of that body since, serving in the capacity of Elder for many years.

The landed estate of Mr. Valentine comprises two hundred and six acres, all of which have been accumulated by his persistent industry and good judgment, as he started out in life a poor boy. The details of improvement and the gradual evolution from the original state of the land to its present prosperous air of rural life, is as familiar to him as his own daily life, and all his early associations are connected with the district in which he is now a resident and where his friends are as numerous as his acquaintances.

Elsewhere in this volume may be found a view of the attractive home of Mr. Valentine, also a portrait of himself.

GEORGE W. WILSON, an undertaker of Mt. Sterling, was born in Darby Township, Pickaway County, July 21, 1847. His father, Absalom Wilson, was born in Virginia, and was brought to Ohio when two years of age, his home being in Madison County. He followed farming throughout his life, his death occurring in Pleasant Township, Madison County, November 9, 1883. He married Elizabeth Alkire, a native of Pickaway County. Unto them were born six children, all of whom are yet living: John R. resides with his wife and two children on the old homestead; George is the next younger; Henry makes his home upon a part of the old farm in Pleasant Township with his wife and two children; Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson, of Monroe Township, Pickaway County, has four children; Mrs. Wilson Bazler resides in Columbus and has one child; Charles A. is a school teacher and owns fifty-two acres of land in Pleasant Township. He has also married and has three children.

The subject of this sketch spent his boyoood days upon his father's farm and acquired a common-school education. For a number of years he engaged in farming and stock-raising with his father and brother. He was married, November 26, 1868, to Miss Louisa Bell, who was born in Darby Township, Pickaway County, December 23, 1846, and is a daughter of John W. and Susan A. (Henderson) Bell, the former a native of Virginia, and the latter of Ross County, Ohio. The father died in 1861, and the mother met her death by accident. She was run over by a train on the Cincinnati & Columbus Midland Railroad, about two miles above Harrisburgh.

For many years after his marriage, Mr. Wilson continued to engage in farming and met with excellent success in his undertakings. He is industrious and enterprising, and was ranked among leading agriculturists of the community, but in order to better educate his children, he removed to Mt. Sterling in October, 1887, renting his farm. He then embarked in his present business and has since been engaged in undertaking. Mr. Wilson attended the Oriental School of Embalming, at Columbus, Ohio, from which institution he received a diploma. He still owns one hundred and two acres of land in Pleasant Township, and one hundred and three acres in Darby Township, Pickaway County.

The family circle numbers four sons and a daughter: William Edward, born in Pleasant Township, December 18, 1870, attended the Columbus Medical College, also the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, where he pursued courses of lectures on embalming. He also attended the Egyptian School of Embalming, from which he received a diploma in November, 1891, and is now connected in business with his father. John A. was born in Pleasant Township, November 1, 1872; Ida E. was born November 25, 1874; R. B. Hayes, November 23, 1876; and Walter, on the 7th of November, 1878.

Mr. Wilson is a stalwart Republican and cast his

first vote in 1868, for U. S. Grant. He has never been an office-seeker. He served as a member of the Board of Health, but refused to serve a second term when appointed by the council to that position. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Odd Fellows' society and the Encampment, and has filled all the chairs in the last two named. Himself and wife are members of the Christian Church, to which his eldest son and daughter also belong. The family is well and favorably known in Mt. Sterling and vicinity and has many friends.

LEVI RUNKLE was born in one of the pioneer homes of Pickaway County, March 13, 1834, and is now one of the prosperous and well-to-do farmers, with a finely improved farm on section 3, Walnut Township. He is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Kroninger) Runkle, who were well known among the early settlers of this region, and of whom mention is made in the biography of his brother Henry, who is represented in this volume.

Our subject was reared to manhood under wholesome home influences on his father's farm in Walnut Township, and has done much pioneer labor in his life, both in assisting his father and on his own account. He is mainly self-educated, having learned from observation, experience and reading more than was taught in the primitive schools of his day, which were held in rude log cabins with slab seats and boards placed against the wall, on wooden pins driven into the logs, to serve as desks upon which to write. He early became familiar with all kinds of farm work, and has managed his farm since it came into his possession with great skill, making its one hundred and eighty-four acres of rich soil return him abundant harvests in repayment for his care and toil. Suitable buildings adorn the place, which is also amply supplied with good machinery, and everything about it wears an air of comfort and thrift pleasant to behold.

Mr. Runkle took an important step in life, whereby he has been greatly benefited, September 15, 1855, by his marriage on that date to Miss Lydia Hall, who is also a native of Walnut Township. She was born April 15, 1836, to David and Elizabeth Hall, natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Walnut Township. Further mention is made of them in the sketch of their son, Peter Hall, on another page of this volume.

Mr. and Mrs. Runkle have six children, namely: William J.; Henry M.; Alma E., wife of Charles Karsten; Emma A.; Edson E.; and Alvin D.

Our subject is a man of good parts and sterling sense, and is never backward in helping forward all good causes that will in any way advance the welfare of his native township and county, much of whose growth he has witnessed, and whose pioneer scenes he can recall vividly. In his political views, he is pre-eminently a Democrat, and stands firmly by his party whate'er betides. Mrs. Runkle, who is a sincere Christian, is a devoted member of the Lutheran Church.

GMEINHARD VAN HEYDE, a leading insurance agent of Circleville, was born in Pyrmont, Germany, May 14, 1832, and is a son of Bernhard and Caroline (Meinberg) Van Heyde. The father was born in 1783, and served under Napoleon in the war with Russia in 1812. He was a merchant of Pyrmont, and engaged in the manufacture of knitted goods, doing a wholesale business. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and died at the age of eighty-five years. The year previous to his death he was visited by our subject, who returned to his native land to see his aged father. The mother had died in 1857. In the family were eleven children, eight of whom grew to mature years, while four are yet living. Three came to America: William, who for several years was a resident of Circleville, removed to New Streetsville, where he served as Mayor, and spent his last days. Frederick died in Cincinnati.

Our subject attended school between the ages of six and fourteen years, and was then employed in a large cigar factory for three years. He then

spent six years as a traveling salesman, traveling all over Germany. In 1854, with permission of his Government, he came to America to escape six years of military service. He crossed the Atlantic from Bremen on the sailing-vessel "Betta," which foundered on the return trip. They were sixty-three days in making the voyage, and landed in Baltimore. Mr. Van Heyde came at once to Circleville, where, with his brothers, he engaged in importing woolen and cotton hosiery from Germany for two years. Later, they engaged in the wholesale liquor business, and built a large distillery, engaging in the manufacture of liquor until 1862, when they lost $100,000 by fire. In connection with his brother William, our subject then engaged as a wholesale dealer until 1878.

In 1856, Mr. Van Heyde wedded Miss Mary Sassaman, a native of Pennsylvania, and unto them were born six children: Bernhard, a cigar manufacturer, of Urbana; George, a jeweler, who died at the age of twenty-one; Henry, who is engaged in business with his father; Harry, attending High School; Alice, wife of D. Niles, of Jackson Township; Lillie, who is attending High School; and Minnie, who completes the family.

Mr. Van Heyde was one of the incorporators of the first German Building and Loan Association, and has been its Treasurer from its organization in 1865. He is now Treasurer of the Germania and New Citizen Building and Loan Association, which handled in one year $130,000. He represents the leading insurance companies, including the old Royal and the old North American. He owns a business block, forty-four feet front and three stories in height, and has twelve acres of fine land adjoining the city. An elegant residence stands upon it, and the place is valued at $13,000. Mr. Van Heyde laid out the addition to Circleville which bears his name, and in 1880, when the coal mines were opened, he and his brother William laid out the city of New Streetsville, and built the first house there. He is a public-spirited and progressive citizen, and has the upbuilding of the community at heart. He was a Director of the Infirmary from 1880 until 1886, and was President of the Board when they erected the Children's Home on the same farm. In politics, he is a Democrat, has been a delegate to various State conventions of his party, and served as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in Cincinnati. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and has contributed liberally to its support.

OSCAR McLELLAN, City Marshal, is one of the prominent citizens of Washington C. H., to the growth of which he has materially contributed. In April, 1888, he was first elected to the position which he is now efficiently filling, and has been re-elected every two years since, a fact which of itself indicates meritorious service. From childhood, he has been known to the citizens of Fayette County, whose confidence he has always retained, and who regard him as one of the most public-spirited citizens of the community.

Mr. McLellan was born on a farm, one mile west of the city of Washington C. H., October 12, 1850. His father, William McLellan, was born in Augusta, Me., and there grew to a stalwart and vigorous manhood. Desirous of improving his condition, he resolved to seek a home in the West, as Ohio was called in the early years of this century. Accordingly, in company with B. Latham, he left his native State, and not having money enough to pay for transportation, the two courageous young men walked the entire distance from Maine to Ohio.

Arriving in Fayette County, William McLellan worked at his trade, that of a mason and plasterer, for a number of years. He aided in the erection of many of the old buildings of Washington C. H., and helped to build the first brick court house of the county. In this city, he was married to Miss Margaret Wright, who aided him in the accumulation of a competency, and was a devoted wife and affectionate mother. During their later years, they removed to a farm near Washington C. H., where they still live.

After receiving his education in the city schools, our subject remained on the home farm until the

time of his marriage, January 6, 1875, when Miss Anna Reif, of Washington C. H., became his wife. He then located in the city, and engaged in various occupations, being for four years an employe in the Fire Department. In June, 1887, he resigned the latter position, and in April of the ensuing year was elected City Marshal. He served with such marked efficiency that he was re-elected in April, 1890, and is still filling the position to the general satisfaction. As a competent and efficient public official, he has the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He still remains a volunteer member of the Fire Company, and, socially, is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. and Mrs. McLellan are the parents of one daughter, May, a bright and beautiful child. They occupy a prominent social position, and have a host of warm personal friends in Washington C. H. and vicinity.

JACOB L. SMITH, the owner of a fine farm located in Range Township, Madison County, is a well-to-do farmer and owns a handsome property, located two and one-half miles from Sedalia. He was born in Monroe County, Va., July 22, 1844, to Thomas and Mildred H. (Faudree) Smith, natives of Western Virginia. The father, who enjoyed the respect of his fellow-townsmen, died when our subject was two years of age.

Jacob L. Smith was the youngest but one in a family of ten children, eight of whom were boys. The mother on the death of her husband kept her family together, our subject contributing his mite to their support. He received a limited education, and when seventeen years old, entered the service of his country by joining Company K, Twenty-second Virginia Infantry, and fought in the Confederate ranks for two years as a member of that regiment. He was then transferred to Company A, and participated in many battles, among which were Lewisburg, W. Va.; Brush Mountain, Fayetteville, Kanawha Falls; Charleston, W. Va.; Raleigh, Avington, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Floyd's Mountain. He was never wounded during all that period, but May 9, 1864, at the last-named place, was taken prisoner and sent to Camp Chase, where he was held six months. The first three months he had plenty to eat, but fared very poorly during the rest of his confinement. He was paroled by giving bond to remain in the North till the war should be over, and returned home December 25, 1864.

On leaving the army, Mr. Smith came to Range Township, Madison County, where his uncle, John Faudree, was living, and for a time was engaged in working out by the month. He then rented property, and for the following three years was engaged in breaking and training colts, in addition to farming. February 7, 1867, he was married to Miss Letitia Whiteman, of Stokes Township, Madison County, where she was born November 15, 1848. Mrs. Smith was the daughter of Richard and Lucinda (Hayes) Whiteman, and after her marriage moved with our subject to their present farm, which they rented at that time of her father. The estate includes one hundred and sixty-nine acres, one hundred and ten of which were presented to them by Mr. Whiteman. The log house in which Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived for many years is still standing on the place and is used as a tenant dwelling. The property when it came into his possession was mostly wood land, but by persistent industry he has cleared, tiled and placed the farm under excellent tillage, erecting thereon a fine residence and all the necessary barns and outbuildings.

The two children born to our subject and his wife are Anna, who was born November 29, 1867, and died June 12, 1868; James Alvin, who was born September 28, 1871, has been given a good education and is still under the parental roof. In politics, Mr. Smith votes with the Democratic party, which he has represented at various times as a delegate to county conventions. He has also been a member of the School Board for a number of years, and in all points is counted as one of the representative men of the township. With his wife, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal

Church, in which body he has served as Steward for many years and acted as Sunday-school Superintendent.

Of the eight boys included in the parental family, seven are still living, and, with one exception, make their home in this State. They are respectively R. T. P., who resides in Van Wert County; Lewis F., who makes his home in Charleston, Clarke County; Major W. and Joseph, who live in Big Plains, Madison County; Allen N., who makes his home in Stokes Township, Madison County; Alexander B. who lives in Pulaski County, W. Va. May C., Mrs. Faudree, died in Stokes Township, in 1889, leaving four children. Another sister, Mrs. Sarah Porter, makes her home at Five Points, Pickaway County. The mother of our subject died October 12, 1883. The Whiteman family are old residents of this State, some of its representatives coming here as early as 1800.

AUSTIN S. HUTSON, a farmer and stock-raiser residing in Paint Township, Madison County, was born in Stokes Township August 14, 1839, and is a son of John K. and Hannah (Mahafa) Hutson. His father was a native of Kentucky, and with his parents came to Ohio when about twelve years of age. The grandfather was of English birth. The father was a self-made man financially, and a very prominent citizen. He was really the founder of South Solon, and owned three hundred and forty-nine acres of land near that place. The family numbered six sons and six daughters, of whom three sons and four daughters grew to mature years: Eveline became a teacher at the early age of fifteen, and died while teaching the first school in Greene County, Ohio; Flavius was a soldier of the Thirty-eighth Ohio Infantry, and died of wounds received in the service; Mrs. Jane Gaskill is living in South Solon with her two sons; Angeline Colburn is married and makes her home in Elizabeth, N. J.; and Mrs. Sarah Eachus is living in Paint Township, and has six children.

At the age of fourteen, Austin Hutson began to earn his own livelihood, making his home with his brother-in-law. On the 16th of September, 1861, he joined the boys in blue of Company B, Fourth Ohio Cavalry, and participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Murfreesboro, Atlanta and many others. He received a slight wound in the shoulder at the last-named battle. He faithfully served four years, and was honorably discharged in September, 1865. He was a valiant soldier, ever found at his post of duty, and may well be proud of his army record.

Soon after his return home, Mr. Hutson was joined in wedlock with Miss Frances Jessie Curtis, who was born in London, April 24, 1842. He began farming on the Buffenburg Farm in Paint Township, and in 1867, removed to the old homestead, where he has since resided. He purchased one hundred and nine acres of land in 1882. His residence was destroyed by fire in August, 1890, but the following year he rebuilt. He has a good farm and is an enterprising and industrious man, who has won success through his own efforts.

Mr. Hutson and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, in which he holds the office of Trustee. He is also Superintendent of the Sunday-school, and takes quite a prominent part in church work. He has been a member of the School Board for twenty-eight years, and the cause of education finds in him a warm friend. In politics, he was formerly a Republican, but for the past eight years has voted the Prohibition ticket. He served for three years as Township Trustee. Mr. Hutson is widely and favorably known in this community, and ranks among the leading farmers and stock-raisers.

REV. R. M. DALBEY came to Fayette County from Springfield, Ohio, in the year 1875, having been appointed by the Ohio Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church as pastor of Washington Circuit. He was born in Greene County, in August, 1816. He was first licensed to preach in the Methodist Church in 1835, and followed the itineracy forty years.

He was the son of the Rev. Joel Dalbey, Sr., a pioneer preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and afterwards one of the organizers and charter members of the Methodist Protestant Church. His grandfather, Richard Dalbey, was a native of France, and settled in Virginia many years before the Revolution, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. On his mother's side, Rev. R. M. Dalbey was descended from Joseph Smith, who came with William Penn's second colony to Pennsylvania. Joseph Smith was a Welshman.

Elizabeth Amgil Dalbey, wife of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Thirsk, England, and the daughter of the Rev. Robert Harrison, an English Wesleyan minister, and Mary Harrison. She had but one sister, Mary, who died in England, and was buried in the old Thirsk cemetery. Her eldest brother, William, remained at Otley, England, until his death. The brothers who accompanied their parents and sister to America were John, Joseph, Robert, Thomas, Peter and Hon. Richard A. Harrison. Four of the brothers were Methodist ministers. Hon. R. A. Harrison is in the practice of law at Columbus. The Rev. Thomas Harrison was for some time one of the Indiana State educators, and President of Moore's Hill College. Mrs. R. M. Dalbey attended school in a structure built on the ruins of Mowbrey castle, and was but twelve years of age when she came to America.

After the death of Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Dalbey, which occurred at the parsonage about four miles west of Washington C. H., the family became somewhat separated, owing to the duties of their various callings. Joel H. Dalbey was in the active itineracy in the Methodist Protestant Church, and did not relinquish his labors until forced to do so by long and severe illness. A. F. Dalbey and John L. Dalbey are members of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. C. R. Dalbey followed the carpenter's trade until he took up his present occupation in Washington. W. R. Dalbey was for many years connected with the Fayette County *Republican*, and is now city editor of the *Cyclone*, besides being a regular correspondent for a number of metropolitan papers. Mary E. Dalbey is the only sister.

The Dalbey Brothers have been engaged for many years in breeding and shipping all the leading varieties of standard poultry, and have an extensive trade with people in every State as well as in Canada, and the enterprise is rapidly growing. Their residence and place of business is about three-quarters of a mile from the court house, at Nos. 387, 389 and 391 Washington Avenue.

BENJAMIN R. HARRISON, who makes his home in the same township and county where his birth occurred, March 8, 1869, ranks among the progressive and successful agriculturists of Range Township, Madison County. He is the son of Bottall and Lydia A. (Rogers) Harrison, the former of whom is deceased. Benjamin R. was trained to farming pursuits, and received his early education in the primitive schools of his locality, which was later supplemented by an attendance of three and one-half years at the Wesleyan University.

The original of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, and December 18, 1890, was united in marriage with Miss C. M., daughter of James and Mary A. (Beale) Clarke. The lady was born at Mt. Sterling, May 4, 1869, and was given excellent advantages for receiving an education, attending the Mt. Sterling, London and Delaware schools. Her father died at his home in August, 1875, and her mother then married S. S. Robison, whose sketch will be found on another page in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have had born to them one son, Clarke Harrison, who was born November 20, 1891. Our subject in his political relations is an ardent Democrat, as was his father and grandfather before him.

The mother of our subject was born in Ross County, this State, January 17, 1841, and was the daughter of Wilson and Massey (Warner) Rogers, both of whom are still living and residing in Urbana, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers moved to Fayette County, this State, when their daughter was about eight years of age. Here she grew to

womanhood, and December 24, 1861, married Bottal Harrison, the son of Benjamin and Martha (Reeves) Harrison, of whom a biography will be found elsewhere in this Record.

The father of our subject participated in the famous Morgan raid during the Civil War, and in politics was an active member in the ranks of the Democratic party, having served in the capacity of Township Trustee and Treasurer for a number of years. He was very prominent in his community, and refused the nomination for Representative in the State Legislature because he did not wish to be away from home. His children were as follows: Sherman A., who was born April 23, 1863, died November 26, 1871; Etura Beatrice, born November 30, 1864, married A. W. Kennedy, and resides in Range Township, Madison County; Marcus Alva, born June 13, 1867, was married to Daisy E. Miller, and departed this life October 11, 1890; Massey Warner, born December 31, 1872, attended the Cincinnati Wesleyan School, the Young Ladies' Institute at Windsor, Canada, and the Delaware Wesleyan University; Martha Donna, born February 15, 1881, is the youngest of the parental family. The father of these children died January 19, 1890, mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

CHARLES STEWARD, M. D., of Ashville, is prominent not only as one of the most popular and successful physicians of Pickaway County, but as a leader in its social and political life, and as a valued civic official. A native of Ohio, he was born in Fairfield County, November 23, 1845 a son of Charles and Sarah (Kuntz) Steward, who were Pennsylvanians by birth. His paternal ancestors are said to have been of Irish blood, while his forefathers on the maternal side were of the German race. The parents of our subject came to Ohio in 1833, and were among the respected pioneers of Fairfield County, where they spent their remaining years.

Our subject grew to man's estate on his father's farm in his native county, and in its public schools laid the foundation of a liberal education. He subsequently attended the Pleasantville Academy two years, and after that taught school some three terms in Fairfield County, and in Shelby County, Ill. When he was twenty-four years old, he first thought of entering the medical profession, and with characteristic energy at once entered upon his preparation for the new calling. In the fall of 1870, he began reading medicine with Dr. Hewetson, of Amanda, and after closely following his instructions for a time he became a student in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, where he took two courses of lectures, and acquitted himself honorably as a thorough and ardent student, graduating from that institution in the spring of 1873. He immediately opened an office at St. Paul, Ohio, and continued there about eighteen months prior to his removal to Lithopolis, whence he came to Ashville in 1876. During his fifteen years' residence in this town, he has built up a fine practice, his success in the treatment of difficult cases, his evident skill and practical knowledge of medicine and its application, early gaining him the trust of all who placed themselves under his care, and his genial, kindly, courteous spirit soon made him a favorite with all with whom he associated. Besides his practice, the Doctor is also conducting a successful business as a druggist. As a physician and business man he has a high reputation, second to none of the medical fraternity in this section of his State; as a man, he is truly honored; and as a citizen, his loyalty and public-spirit are unsurpassed. He is an active local politician, taking rank among the foremost Democrats of the place, and is the incumbent of the responsible office of Treasurer of Harrison Township, which position he has held for several years, and all are agreed, irrespective of party, that the finances of the township could not be in better or more trusty hands. He is prominently identified with Pickaway Lodge No. 747, I. O. O. F., at Ashville, in which he has filled various offices very acceptably.

The Doctor was united in marriage with Miss Eliza M., the daughter of the late Isaac and Clarissa Fridley, in August, 1874, and she has been of great help to him in making his life so successful, presiding with true grace and charming hospitality

Yours Truly
A. S. Martin

over their home, welcoming friends with ready tact, and securing the good-will of all by her pleasant manners. To her and our subject two children have been born, Clara S. and William E.

HON. JOSEPH S. MARTIN, one of the prominent citizens of Madison County, residing in Range Township, and the Representative of his district in the State Legislature, was born in this locality, October 22, 1839. His father, Rev. Jacob Martin, was born in Washington County, Ohio, April 3, 1806, and died in London, March 12, 1892, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. His father, Charles H. Martin, came from England previous to the Revolutionary War and served in the Colonial Army.

When Jacob was ten years of age, the family removed to Licking County, Ohio, where he was educated. He united with the Methodist Church in November, 1836, and afterward received his parents into the same church. He was one of its members for sixty-five years and for a long period engaged in preaching the Gospel to others. His ministry was a fruitful one and he led many into the living way.

On the 30th of March, 1836, Rev. Mr. Martin married Joanna C. Leonard, who was born in Fairfax County, Va., in 1807. She proved a faithful helpmate and companion to her husband and is still living at the age of eighty-five years. Three sons were born unto them, one of whom died in infancy; James D. is engaged in the mercantile business in Washington, D. C.; and Joseph S. is our subject. In 1849, they took to their home the two-year-old son of Rev. Samuel Maddux, John, who found in Mr. Martin and his wife true and loving parents and in him they found a dutiful son.

Rev. Mr. Martin was a minister of ability, widely known, and by his upright and Christ-like life, as well as by his teachings, he led many to accept salvation. At length, he was called to the home above, and the funeral services were held at the Methodist Church, where many prominent ministers bore testimony to his pure life and the high regard in which he was held by all.

We now take up the personal history of Joseph S. Martin, whose portrait accompanies this sketch. Until fourteen years of age, he resided in his native county, then spent the next seven years of his life in Franklin County. He acquired a good common-school education and for one year studied in Delaware. During the late war, he enlisted in Company K, Ninety-fifth Ohio Infantry, under Col. McMillan, and served for more than three years. For meritorious conduct he was made Sergeant and his squad of men arrested more than ninety prisoners. He himself was taken prisoner in Richmond, Ky., in September, 1862, but was exchanged in Memphis in January, 1863. He participated in the battles of Vicksburg and Brice's Cross Roads, and at the latter place suffered a severe sunstroke. He took part in the engagement at Tupelo, the march through Arkansas and Missouri, and afterward joined Gen. Thomas' army at Nashville. The regiment was stationed on the right wing of skirmishes of the First Brigade and in the first day of the fight took the fort and four guns and effectually silenced the artillery. The next day, he was with his brigade when they broke Hood's line. He subsequently participated in the capture of Mobile and then started for Montgomery. While en route, the news of Gen. Lee's surrender was received. Mr. Martin remained in Arkansas, Alabama and Mississippi on provost duty until September, when he was discharged on the 23d of the month. He was a faithful soldier and did valiant service for the Union cause.

Mr. Martin returned to Madison County to an uncle and in partnership with him engaged in farming and stock-raising. He was married, March 5, 1873, to Miss Isabel Harrison, of Range Township, a daughter of Benjamin and Martha M. (Reeves) Harrison. They come from an old Virginia family, of which President Harrison is also a member. Four children have been born unto our subject and his wife: James F., born January 23, 1875; Benjamin H., October 9, 1876; Joseph Spencer, February 7, 1878 and Mary Elizabeth, July 28, 1887.

Since his marriage, Mr. Martin has engaged in farming and stock-raising and is recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of the community. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and has since been a stanch Republican. He has served as a delegate to the county, congressional and State conventions, has been a member of the County Central Committee, and in 1889 was elected to the State Legislature. So acceptably did he fill the office, that he was re-elected in 1891. He is the only Republican since the organization of the party who has been elected to the Legislature from this county in a year when the State went Democratic. This certainly indicates his popularity and is a high compliment to his ability. He is Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and is a member of the Committee on the Deaf and Dumb Institution and on Turnpikes. Religiously, he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bethel. He is a leading and representative citizen of Madison County, and is honored as one of its prominent men.

CHARLES M. BUTT, Esq., who resides on his farm, three miles south of Plain City, is a business man of much activity and enterprise, who is well known throughout Madison County. He is a native of this State, born in Dayton, Montgomery County, November 21, 1844. His father, Archibald Butt, was born near Harper's Ferry, Va., in 1810, and was reared amid the beautiful scenes of his birthplace. His father, Charles Butt, was a native of France. The father of our subject was married in Pennsylvania to Sarah Ceilhamer, who was born in Westmoreland County, that State, in 1810, a daughter of Conrad Ceilhamer, who is supposed to have been born in Pennsylvania of German parents.

The parents of our subject came to Ohio at once after marriage, and located on a farm near Dayton, where they spent their remaining years, the father dying at the age of sixty-nine years, and the mother at the age of seventy-seven years. The father was a Whig in politics until after the formation of the Republican party, when he became an earnest advocate of its principles. He was a man of much influence in his community, who held various official positions, such as that of Township Trustee, Treasurer, etc., and he was prominent as a charter member of Harris Lodge of Odd Fellows of Dayton. He belonged to the German Reformed Church, which is now the Presbyterian Church. He and his wife had ten children, six sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to maturity and reared families of their own.

He of whom this sketch is written is the seventh child and fourth son of his parents, by whom he was carefully reared under wholesome home influences. He completed his schooling in the Commercial College at Dayton, where he was very well educated. He remained an inmate of the parental household until he was twenty-one years old, assisting his father on the farm. January 11, 1866, he took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Abbie, the only daughter of Silas and Almira (Bigelow) Doming. Mrs. Butt was born in Canaan Township, Madison County, August 3, 1848. Her father was a native of the same county, born in Darby Township, a son of one of its earliest pioneers. He died at the age of thirty-four years, and his wife, who was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., died when she was thirty-seven years old. Mrs. Butt had only one brother, Daniel, who resides in Plain City, Ohio. Her marriage with our subject has been blessed to them by two children, Bessie and Grace.

Mr. Butt located at once on his farm in Canaan Township after his marriage. This contains forty-five acres of rich, well-cultivated soil, and is supplied with neat buildings and all modern improvements. Our subject, however, does not pay much attention to farming, as he is so busily engaged in other business, beside having the cares of public office. He is a man of great executive ability, having more than ordinary capacity for handling affairs, and is often called upon to settle estates. He is now administrator for the M. D. Smith property, a large and valuable estate, and also has charge of the settlement of others. He is just the man for so responsible a position, as he is clear-headed, is careful and systematic in his manage-

ment, possesses fine business habits, and is thoroughly to be trusted. He also conducts an insurance business with good profit, and is pushing and progressive in all that he undertakes. He is a Democrat in politics, and has mingled much in public life, for which he is well fitted. He is now Township Clerk and Justice of the Peace, and brings the same energy and fidelity to the discharge of his public duties that characterize his management of private interests. Socially, he is prominent as a Mason, and belongs to Urania Lodge No. 311; to Lodge No. 159, K. P., at Plain City; likewise to the Uniform Rank, and is Captain of Division No. 64, at Plain City.

JUDGE JACOB P. WINSTEAD, B. S., LL. B., Judge of the Probate Court of Pickaway County, and a highly respected citizen of Circleville, was born in Clear Creek Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, April 25, 1846. The Winstead family is of English origin. The grandfather, William Winstead, was born in Frederick County, Va., and when a young man emigrated to Ohio, locating first in Clear Creek Township, Fairfield County, and moving thence to Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County. He afterward removed to Washington Township, where he engaged in farming until his death. He served as an Ensign in the War of 1812, and was afterward Captain in the State Militia of Ohio for several years. He was a well-educated man and a teacher, and he, his son and our subject (his grandson) all taught in the same school. He served as Assessor for several years, was also a Justice of the Peace, and in politics was a Democrat. His death occurred at the age of seventy-seven. The maternal grandfather, Mr. Vanhise, was of Holland descent, and served as Captain of the Colonial troops in the Revolutionary War.

Samuel S. Winstead, father of our subject, was born in this county in 1818, and for many years engaged in school teaching, after which he engaged in farming in Fairfield County, and later bought a farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Washington Township, Pickaway County, upon which he made his home until his death, in 1877. He was a Democrat in politics and was a Director of the Infirmary. He married Elizabeth Hoffman, who was born in 1816, in Washington Township, and was a daughter of George Hoffman, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio in 1805 and bought a farm of the Government. He served in the War of 1812. He became well-to-do, and was prominent in the circles of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Winstead was a member of that church and died in March, 1890. In her family were only two children, Jacob P. and Mary A., who is the wife of Silas Young, of Washington Township.

From two years of age, our subject was reared in Washington Township, and acquired a good education in the common schools. At the age of eighteen, he began teaching, and followed that profession six terms, being employed two terms in the same district in which his father and grandfather had taught. He then became a student in Salem Academy, of Ross County, and in the fall of 1868 entered the Miami University of Oxford. He completed the scientific course and graduated in 1869 with the degree of B. S. He then read law under Judge Courtright, and also taught school. In 1872, he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and was graduated in 1873 with the degree of LL. B.

Judge Winstead located in Circleville on the 25th of April of that year, and has since been engaged in practice. He served from 1874 until 1878 as City Solicitor, was Prosecuting Attorney from 1880 until 1885, and in the fall of 1890 was elected for a three-years' term as Probate Judge, entering upon the duties of the office in February, 1891. While serving as Prosecuting Attorney, he was connected with the Lewis murder case, and acted as one of the counsel for the defense in the Darbyville riot cases. He has been a successful practitioner, and by his skill and ability has won an enviable position as a lawyer.

In Newton, Iowa, in 1873, Judge Winstead was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie A. McElroy, a native of Highland County, Ohio, and a daughter

of Hugh McElroy, a farmer of Iowa. She was educated in Salem Academy, afterward engaged in teaching, and is a cultured and refined lady. They have four children, Samuel H., collector for the First National Bank, of Circleville; William McElroy, Charles E. and Maggie.

Socially, the Judge belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Knights of Honor, United Workmen, National Union and Mystic Circle. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics, he is a Democrat, has served as a delegate to the county and State conventions, and has been Chairman and Secretary of the County Central Committee. He owns some real estate, including his residence on Main Street and a part of the old farm. The Judge has proved a faithful and popular officer, and is highly respected.

HERBERT W. BLUE, who is recognized as one of the leading farmers of Walnut Township, owns and occupies a valuable farm on section 24, on which he was born March 15, 1853, this old homestead having been hewed out of the forests of Pickaway County in the early years of its settlement by his father, who was a prominent pioneer of this region. His name was Harvey Blue, and he was a son of Michael Blue, who came to Ohio from Virginia with his family on horseback when this was a new country, still in the hands of the Indians. He first took up his abode in the wilds of Fairfield County, but he subsequently came to this county, and died in Walnut Township.

Harvey Blue purchased the farm upon which our subject lives at an early day in the history of Walnut Township, and by patient labor cleared the land from the forest trees that stood upon it, and developed it into as fine a farm as can be found in this locality. He was fortunate in his undertakings, becoming one of the wealthy men of his community, and leaving an estate valued at over $50,000, all the result of hard work and sagacious judgment in money matters. He died September 17, 1882, and Walnut Township treasures his memory as one of her early settlers who was an honor to her citizenship. He belonged to the Old-school Baptist Church, and was in deed and word a Christian. His wife, whose maiden name was Emily A. Bowman, had preceded him in death, dying November 6, 1881. They were the parents of twelve children, of whom these nine survive: Alvin; Celesta, wife of James Plum; Herbert W.; Julian M.; Harvey O.; Clara, wife of Charles Dressback; Orrin P.; Clayton E., and Clinton. Samantha, Lorain and Emma are the names of those who died.

The subject of this brief life record has been a life-long resident of Walnut Township, and has risen to be one of its first farmers. Even in his boyhood there was need of pioneer work, and he assisted in clearing, and has driven as many as three yokes of oxen in breaking land. He was educated in the local public schools, and when he was ready to enter upon an independent career, chose the occupation of farmer, with which he had become thoroughly familiarized. He has given much of his time to buying and dealing in stock, and has done well financially in that line. He has one hundred and sixty acres of land that is of a fine quality, is under the best of tillage, and is amply supplied with the necessary buildings and all that goes to making a first-class farm.

Mr. Blue was married October 4, 1876, to Miss Emma A. Culp, who is also a native of Walnut Township, born December 26, 1852. She is a daughter of Lewis and Sophronia (Westenhaver) Culp, who were early settlers of this part of Pickaway County. Her mother was a sister of Emanuel Westenhaver. Her paternal great-grandparents were among the first pioneers to penetrate to the wilds of Pickaway County, coming here from Pennsylvania when her Grandfather Culp was a boy. Her father died in 1876, and her mother March 15, 1891. Five of their seven children are living: Henry; Alice, wife of George Spindler; Emma A.; William B., and Charles C. Mr. and Mrs. Blue are blessed with three children, of whom the following is the record: Amaretha was born September 8, 1877; Orrin P., July 30, 1880, and Turney R., August 15, 1883. Our subject and his

wife have also reared her sister's child, Irena M. Noecker, caring for her as tenderly as if she were their very own. Mrs. Blue is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is greatly interested in its welfare, doing all that she can to promote it.

Mr. Blue is prominent in social circles as a member of the Odd Fellows' lodge at Ashville, having passed through all the chairs. He is public spirited and encourages all plans to improve the township, which he has served as School Director.

WILLIAM W. GRAHAM. This remarkably successful man began life as an orphan with nothing but his honest determination to succeed, his good strong arm and his native abilities. He is now a prominent farmer, living near Commercial Point, in Pickaway County, and has the respect and good-will of his neighbors. He was born in Ross County, eight miles from Chillicothe, Ohio, November 18, 1837, and his father, Charles Graham, was also a native of Ohio, while the grandfather, George, was born in Maryland, and was of Irish descent. George Graham was a farmer and carpenter who came to Ohio in the early part of the century, traveling by team over the mountains, and lived in Ross County to a good old age.

The father of our subject carried on farming and made his home in Ross County until his death in 1838, when this son was only three years old. The mother, whose maiden name was Anna Maria Bowdel, was a native of Maryland and lived to rear her four children: Sarah A., who is now Mrs. Becket; Martha J., who died at the age of sixteen; William W., and Rachel, who is now Mrs. Welch. The mother was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and died at the age of sixty-eight.

Farm life and the drill of the district school in its most primitive form occupied the early days of our subject, and at the age of fourteen he went to reside with his uncle, George Grimes, with whom he continued to live until he reached his majority. He had worked out by the month from the time he was large enough to hold a plow until he was twenty-three years old. At first he plowed for twenty-five cents per day but latterly he received $10 per month. In this way he made his start in life, as he saved every dime that he could possibly lay by. He was married June 2, 1861, to Mary J. Johnson, who was born in this township, October 9, 1836.

Mr. Graham rented a farm for two years, paying grain rent, and after that had it three years for cash rent. By this time he had gained means to purchase a team and some cows and had $600 in money. He bought sixteen acres of land for $800, and upon this he lived for two years and improved it so that he was able to sell it for $1,000. Later he came to this township and purchased seventy acres of land for $3,600, running in debt for it $2,750. This debt he has liquidated and has added to his possessions so that he now has one hundred and twenty-three acres which are all improved, with the exception of four acres of timber land. Here he carries on a successful business in mixed farming, raising wheat, corn and stock. He has a neat brick residence and a small frame barn. His political views bring him into alliance with the Republican party. He has been a close attendant upon his business and though he began it in straightened circumstances he has gained a handsome property. His wife is an esteemed and active member of the Presbyterian Church and the family is looked upon with respect by all who know them.

JOSEPH BRUBACHER. This retired and respected gentleman of Jeffersonville, Fayette County, has been a resident of this place for more than half a century. He is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Lancaster County, May 11, 1815, and is a son of Henry and Barbara (Neff) Brubacher, natives of the Keystone State.

Some of his ancestry served in the War of the Revolution, and were early settlers in Pennsylvania, dating as far back as William Penn's settlement. The father of our subject was a miller by

trade, and also kept a public inn in Columbia, Pa., for a period of over thirty years, and was well known throughout his section of country.

The parents of our subject came to the Buckeye State at an early day in its settlement, and spent their last days in Darke County. They had thirteen children born to them, of whom our subject is the only survivor. He was brought up in Ohio and educated in the common schools. He learned the trade of a saddler, and traveled for a number of years as a journeyman, but in 1847 decided to locate in Jeffersonville, this county, and here engaged in business for himself, and carried it on successful until a few years past, when he retired from manual labor, and is now taking life easy enjoying all its comforts.

The original of this life history was married in 1850 to Samantha A. Powell, and by their union three sons and one daughter were born. The sons are yet living, and are as follows: Marcus, born May 25, 1852; Harry, September 17, 1859; and Joseph, July 3, 1864. The good wife and mother died on the 23d of September, 1870, and her death has been an irreparable loss. The daughter died October 30, 1873. Mr. Brubacher is a member of the Protestant Methodist Church, to which his good wife belonged, and he is one of the oldest residents of his place, and stands high in the regard and esteem of every one. He is very active for his age, and one would judge him to be ten years younger than he is.

JAMES M. CLARK, who is engaged in the grocery business in Mt. Sterling, was born in the city which is still his home April 10, 1854. He is a son of Alex and Lydia (Atkins) Clark, both of whom were natives of Orange County, Va. They became acquainted in their native State, but were not married until after their removal to Ohio. They now reside in Madison County. C. A. and William Clark, two brothers of our subject, are represented elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Clark remained in his native town until five years of age, and was then in Madison Mills, Fayette County, until ten years of age. His next place of residence was in Palestine, Pickaway County, where he spent four years. He then returned to Madison Mills, where he resided until twenty years of age. As a boy, he worked in his father's shop and on a farm, and was allowed to use his wages for himself. He operated a blacksmith shop of his own until twenty-five years of age, a part of that time being spent in Mt. Sterling.

Mr. Clark was married on Christmas Day of 1877 to Miss Ida May Mitchell, of Mt. Sterling, who was born in Williamsport, Pickaway County. Two children have been born of their union: Dennie A., who was born in Five Points, Pickaway County, January 16, 1879; and Benjamin Franklin, born in this place, April 23, 1883.

Before his marriage, when Mr. Clark was about nineteen years of age, he took a trip through Michigan. In company with another boy, he left home, not asking permission, and went to Washington C. H., where he took a train for Springfield, Ohio, and thence went to Urbana. As their money was then exhausted, they walked to Careyville, where they got work in a blacksmith shop. Two weeks later, they took the train for Sandusky and went to Detroit. Their money being again exhausted, they made their way to a little town, where they worked for a short time and then went to Bay City. Mr. Clark then shipped as a deck hand on a steam propeller bound for Chicago, a distance of five hundred miles, and returned in the same way to Bay City. A month was thus passed. During this time, he had all his clothing stolen except that which he wore. In the winter of 1873, he went to the lumber woods of Michigan and, after working for about six weeks, drew his money and returned home.

In 1881, Mr. Clark embarked in the grocery business, which he continued for three years and then sold out in 1884. For a year, he then again gave his attention to blacksmithing, and in 1885 began clerking in a grocery store, where he was employed three years. Once more he embarked in business for himself in that line, and for the past seven years has been a leading grocer of Mt.

Sterling. By fair and honest dealing and courteous treatment, he has built up a good trade, and now has a liberal patronage. Socially, he is a member of the Odd Fellows' Society and, in politics, was originally a Democrat, but is now a Prohibitionist. He is a member of the Methodist Church, to which Mrs. Clark also belongs and is a teacher in the Sunday-school.

JAMES HALL. "The food we eat" is a vitally important question, and one that concerns the health and happiness of every man, woman and child. It is but natural to suppose that the best groceries are to be found in those establishments which transact the largest business. One of the finest appointed groceries in the city of Circleville is that owned by Hall & Hammel, who are reliable and wide-a-wake business men who enjoy the confidence of all who know them. Their stock embraces everything in the line of fancy groceries, provisions, teas, coffees; in fact, every thing usually found in a first-class house. While in this house can be found the best, it may also be stated, with equal truth, that here, too, can be bought the cheapest, a fact which has considerably contributed to the store's success.

Mr. Hall is a native-born resident of this county, his birth occurring in Washington Township on the 10th of April, 1842, and he is a son of James Hall, and the grandson of Benjamin Hall, who was born near Hagerstown, Va. The latter was reared and married in his native town and about 1809 he came to Ohio, making the trip by horse and cart. He located in Circleville and here tilled the soil for many years. He was a private in the War of 1812 and served for one year, after which he resumed agricultural pursuits in Pickaway Township, then Washington Township, and later in Walnut Township, where he remained until his death. His father, James Hall, was an Englishman and came to America when about eighteen years of age, locating in Maryland. Grandfather Benjamin Hall married Miss Elizabeth Bending, a native of Maryland, and they became the parents of ten children, James Hall, the father of our subject, being the second in order of birth. All are now deceased but the youngest, Caleb Hall, of Circleville.

James Hall, the father of our subject, was born in Circleville, Ohio, and after growing up he followed the occupation to which he had been reared, farming first in Walnut Township and afterward in Washington Township. About the year 1840, he went to Illinois on horseback and purchased two hundred acres of land in Shelby County. He subsequently returned to Washington Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and there died in 1842, just previous to the birth of our subject. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Pontius, was born in Washington Township, this county, and was the daughter of Samuel Pontius, who was born in Pennsylvania, and who came to Pickaway County, Ohio, with his parents when a boy. Here he grew to manhood and followed agricultural pursuits on one hundred and sixty acres of land on the Lancaster Pike. When he first came to this State, game was plenty and much of his time in youth was given up to hunting. He killed bears and deer and was considered the finest shot in the country. The mother of our subject died in 1844 and when but two years of age, our subject, who was the only child, was an orphan. He was reared by his Grandfather Pontius, who resided three miles from Circleville, and received his education in the district schools. He remained on the farm and assisted his grandfather until twenty-one years of age, when he branched out to fight life's battles for himself. He worked for his uncle Caleb for three years.

Our subject was married in Fairfield County, in 1867, to Miss Catherine Heffner, a native of Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, and the daughter of Henry Heffner. After his marriage, he located on a farm in Fairfield County, remained there a number of years, and in 1869 came to Pickaway County, where he began dealing in grain, buying and shipping in the Keys Elevator, under the firm title of Heffner & Co., and continued in this for seven years. After this, he engaged in the boot and shoe business with a Mr. Miller, under the firm title of Miller & Hall, and continued this

for a year or two. In 1881, he embarked in the grocery business under the firm name of Hall & Hammel, and has met with unusual success in this calling. In 1882, the firm erected a fine brick block at the corner of High and Court Streets, in a good business locality. The store has a frontage of thirty-three feet, is eighty feet long, and is two stories in height. Mr. Hall also built a tasty brick residence on High Street, between Court and Pickaway Streets, and also owns residence property in different parts of the city. He is a Democrat in politics and has been a delegate to county and State conventions. He is well known and well respected all over the county, and, while in the grain business here, he was acquainted with every man of business in the county.

MAJ. SAMUEL G. DAVENPORT. During the late war many of the citizens of Pickaway County left homes and loved ones and volunteered in the service of the Union, offering their lives, if need be, for the good of their country. Among this number was the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch, and who as a veteran of the war and an enterprising farmer and stock-raiser of Salt Creek Township, deserves considerable mention in this volume.

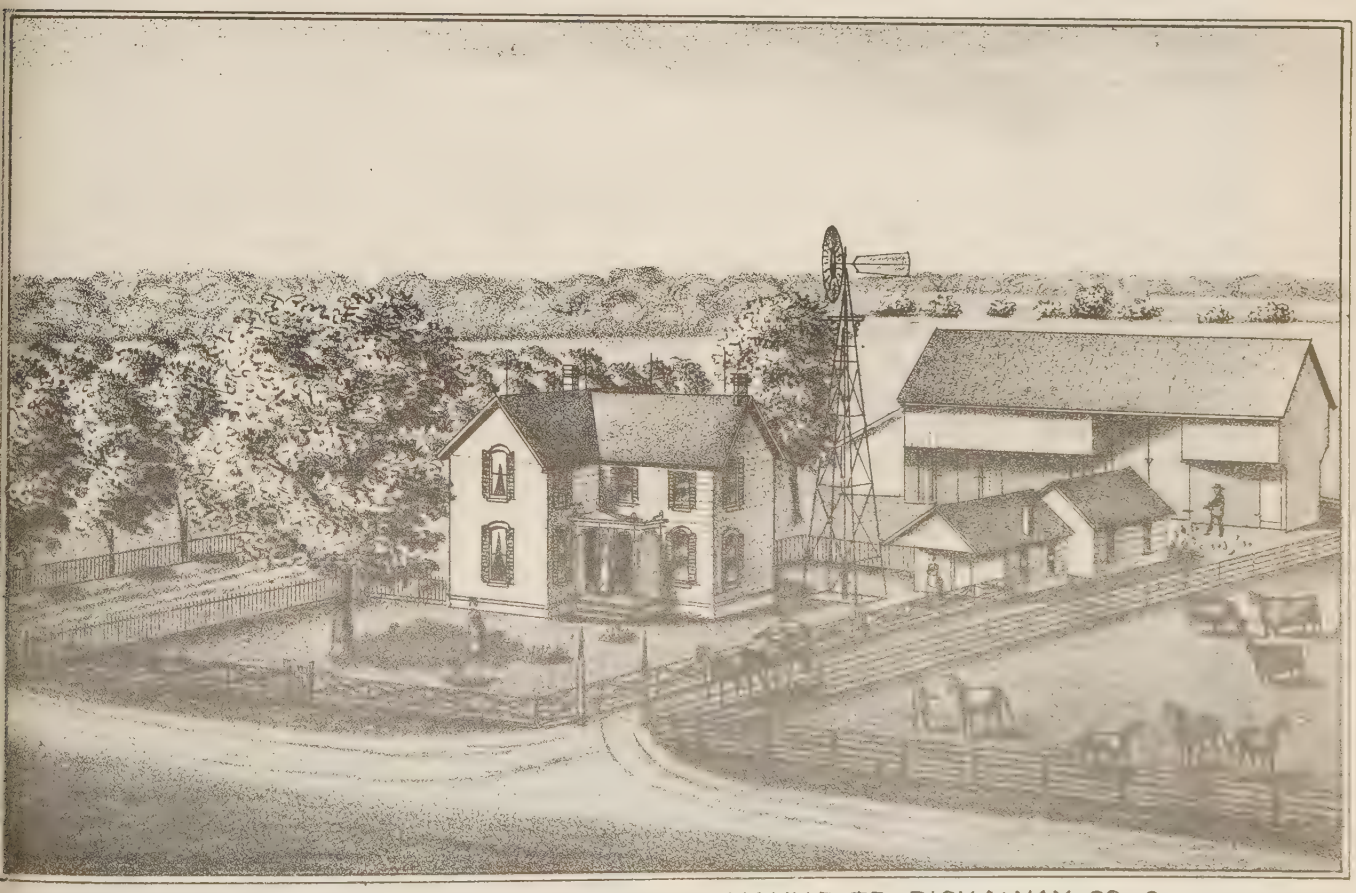
During the year 1830, a young man named Charles Davenport accompanied his father on a prospecting tour from England to America, and, visiting New York, both were so pleased with the prospects offered settlers, that they returned to England, disposed of all interests there, and in 1832 made a final removal to the United States, accompanied by the other members of the parental family. After a monotonous voyage of six weeks, they reached New York, whence they proceeded to Ohio, and purchased land in Walnut Township, Pickaway County. A short time after locating here, the father of the family, Samuel G. Davenport, passed away from earth. He was a man of large education and liberal views, and while in England had been Crown Surveyor. There is now in the possession of our subject a valued heirloom in the shape of a fine gold watch and double barreled shot gun, which the grandfather brought from England.

The father of our subject, Charles Davenport, was one of twelve children, all of whom are deceased. During his residence in England, he received a thorough education, and for some time engaged in the study of medicine with a view of practicing, but after emigrating to America, he abandoned the idea and followed farming pursuits, although he was often sent for by his neighbors in times of sickness. Purchasing a farm in Pickaway Township, he located upon it and made it his home until death called him hence. He was a man of soldierly bearing and dignified address, and while in England belonged to a military organization.

About 1832, a young lady named Martha Wilkes accompanied her parents from their native home in Dorston, England, across the Atlantic to America, and located near Circleville, where she first met Charles Davenport. Their marriage, which soon afterward took place, was blessed by the birth of six children, four of whom are still living. The mother died in December, 1888, and is remembered with affection by all who knew her. She was a member of the Episcopal Church, which her husband attended. Our subject prizes highly a sword which was once the property of his Grandfather Wilkes, and had been used by the Wilkes ancestors in 1559–60, during the Cromwell Wars.

In Walnut Township, Pickaway County, our subject was born, January 25, 1836. He acquired the rudiments of his education in the log schoolhouses of the township, and for four terms was a student in the High School at Circleville. He commenced farming operations in the summer of 1866, in Pickaway Township, and in December of the following year located in Salt Creek Township, where he still lives. Prior to locating here, he was united in marriage, in May, 1866, with Miss Eliza J., daughter of Abel Jones, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. Five children were born of the union, two of whom, Minnie and Fannie, are deceased. Charles A., Katie and Bessie, are at home.

RESIDENCE OF S. G. DAVENPORT, SEC. 32., SALT CREEK TP., PICKAWAY CO., O.



RESIDENCE OF L. C. DUNGAN, WAYNE TP., PICKAWAY CO., O.

In the spring of 1864, Mr. Davenport enlisted in the service of the country as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry, and with his regiment was in Virginia and the Carolinas. He was appointed First Lieutenant and did picket duty at Washington, Petersburg and Norfolk, as well as at other places. He was honorably discharged August 27, 1864, at Camp Denison, near Milford, Ohio, and after his return home received the commission of Major. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and has served as delegate to conventions, but has never aspired to office. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The farm which Maj. Davenport owns and operates, and a view of which is elsewhere shown, is one of the best in the township, comprising one hundred and seventy acres, watered by a tributary of Pike Hole Run. He also owns forty acres of valuable land in another place, and in connection with his general farming engages in stock-raising. He raises draft and road horses, and has several head of very fine sheep, besides a number of Short-horn cattle. Financially, he is one of the solid men of the township, and his excellent business qualifications and good judgment make his enterprises successful.

LEWIS C. DUNGAN. Along the old Frankelton Road going south from Circleville, there is no finer farm than the one owned and operated by the subject of this notice. The residence is a commodious abode, and the barns and other buildings are all that could be desired for the storage of grain and farm implements, as well as for the shelter of stock. The estate comprises four hundred acres in the Scioto Valley, bordering on the river and watered by several springs. Through a perfect system of drainage, a good crop is always secured, even when severe droughts are parching the earth. Stock of good grades is to be found on the place, and the appearance of the land and buildings sufficiently indicates the thrift of the proprietor. A view of the residence and inviting rural environments of the place is elsewhere shown.

The early ancestors of our subject in the United States resided in Virginia, whence the grandfather, Titus Dungan, removed to Ohio and settled in Wayne Township, Pickaway County. There William K., father of our subject, was born in 1815, and there he grew to manhood. He was quite well known, serving as Township Clerk and in other positions where fidelity and discretion were appreciated and required. His death in 1847 not only removed from the community one who had always been deeply interested in its welfare, but also deprived his wife and little children of his tender care.

The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Mary Hurley, was born in Delaware and removed thence to Ohio in company with her parents, Edward and Mary Hurley. She lived the life of a faithful Christian and was identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, which lost a faithful member when she died in 1887. Only two of her five children are now living: Lewis C., who was born in Wayne Township, December 20, 1843, and Nancy, wife of Samuel B. Even, of Circleville. Our subject received his education in the schools of the district and at Mt. Pleasant Academy at Kingston, after which he commenced to operate as a farmer and has since followed agricultural pursuits. He has resided on his present estate about seven years, and during that time has introduced many improvements and effected changes of a practical and valuable character.

In 1870, Mr. Dungan was married to Miss Frances Ann, daughter of Joseph Westenhaver, who was engaged as a farmer in Wayne Township from 1847 until his death in 1863. Mrs. Dungan always resided in this county, where she was well known and highly esteemed. She was the mother of six children: Della (deceased), Fred, Bishop, Nannie, Inez (deceased) and Fannie. A great loss and heavy bereavement fell upon this devoted family when the faithful wife and loving mother died, December 6, 1886. She occupied a high place in the community and is remembered as a lady of exalted character and loveliness of disposition.

In educational matters, Mr. Dungan maintains great interest and has served as School Director

almost continuously since he was twenty-seven years old. He has been a Mason since 1869 and is prominent in the fraternity. His political belief is in sympathy with the principles of the Democratic party, and he has served as Township Trustee three years, Township Clerk two years, as delegate to county conventions, and in other local positions where ability and good judgment were indispensable.

GEORGE HORNBECK is an enterprising and progressive farmer and stock-raiser, residing one-half mile south of the Oday Pike, where he owns a fine farm of two hundred and twenty-one acres, under a high state of cultivation and well improved. He was born in Union Township, near London, Madison County, October 1, 1855. His paternal grandfather was born March 6, 1789, and was married in December, 1807. He became a wealthy man and lived to an advanced age, his death occurring in July, 1862. His wife, who was born March 1, 1791, died in 1856.

Isaac Hornbeck, the father of our subject, was born October 18, 1813, in this county, where his parents, Samuel and Mary (Hutson) Hornbeck, had settled in an early day. After he had attained to mature years, he married Anna Peck, who was born May 15, 1818, in Pickaway County. Mr. Hornbeck was truly a self-made man, for though he received some property from his father, it came only three years before his death, when he had already become wealthy. He died January 27, 1865, leaving a wife and five children, all of whom are still living. Two children had previously passed away. Miles, who was born in 1837, died December 15, 1864; Samuel, who was born January 28, 1839, is married and with his wife and three children resides in Madison County; Emily and Mary are at home; Henry died at the age of six years; John is married and with his family, numbering four children, resides in Fayette County; and George of this sketch is the youngest of the family.

Mr. Hornbeck, whose name heads this record, was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads and acquired his education in the district schools of the neighborhood. He resides on the old home farm with his sisters and devotes his time and attention to its cultivation. The entire amount is well improved, and a glance at the place indicates the supervision of a careful manager, such as our subject is known to be.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Hornbeck is a Democrat, having supported that party since he cast his first Presidential vote for Samuel J. Tilden in 1876. He served as Land Appraiser of Pleasant Township in 1890. Socially, he belongs to Garfield Commandery No. 28, K. T., of Washington C. H. He has served as Junior Deacon and Junior Warden, and at this writing holds the office of Senior Warden. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Hornbeck has spent his entire life in this community and is esteemed as a man of sterling worth.

THOMAS H. JONES, who is the proprietor of Deer Creek Valley Stock Farm, located two and one-half miles south of Mt. Sterling on the Chillicothe Pike, is also a farmer of considerable note in this section. He is a native of this county, having been born in Madison Township, August 6, 1845, to James and Sarah (White) Jones. His father, who was a well-to-do farmer, had just laid by a comfortable competence when he was confronted with security debts to the amount of $96,000, $56,000 of which he never received anything for. As this was a time when our subject should have been attending school, he was obliged to aid his father in paying off the debts and thus had poor advantages for obtaining an education. When reaching his nineteenth year, he went to Delaware, where it had been his intention to thoroughly fit himself for a business life, but his health failing after an attendance of three terms, he was advised by his physicians to abandon his studies, and thenceforth devoted his time and attention to farming.

On reaching his majority, Mr. Jones was married,

September 3, 1867, to Miss Jennie Pancoast of this county, where she was born October 4, 1845. She is the daughter of Samuel and Lovina (Leach) Pancoast, and, after her marriage, located with her husband on his father's farm in Pickaway County, where they resided for one year and then moved to the farm which they now own and occupy. On the death of his father, October 20, 1871, our subject found that there were still some of the old security debts unpaid, which he, as one of the heirs, had to aid in wiping out.

There were three children in the parental family, of whom Mary E. died June 29, 1849. William M., who was born December 5, 1850, fell heir with our subject to the old homestead, six hundred and ninety-one and a half acres of which were the share of our subject, and upon these he located soon after his mother's death, which occurred November 28, 1875. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born seven children. Their eldest son, James R., who was born January 4, 1869, received his early training in the common schools of his district and took a three-years course in the Mt. Sterling schools, and later attended for two years at London, where he took a special course of book-keeping. He was married December 16, 1891, to Miss Alta M. Ray, who was born in Columbus, September 8, 1869. The second child of our subject, Lorena May, was born October 11, 1870, and in addition to receiving a good education, has received a thorough musical training; William, who was born March 18, 1872, died in August of that year; Nellie Jane, who was born February 7, 1878, is also quite a musician; Ray Samuel, who was born November 7, 1879, Charles Howard, December 27, 1881, and Harry Thomas, April 3, 1886, are at home.

In 1868, Mr. Jones began handling blooded stock, and at the present time has a number of Hambletonian and English Shire horses. He raised "Sailor Boy," which took the first money in the fall of 1881, making a record of 2:17¼, and which he afterward sold for $5,000. He also bred "Aimee," whose record is 2:30. In addition to horses, Mr. Jones breeds full-blooded registered Poland-China hogs, and devotes considerable time to raising full-blooded chickens, having an incubator and yards for each breed.

He of whom we write cast his first Presidential vote for Grant in 1868. In 1887, he joined the ranks of the Masons, is now a Sir Knight and holds membership in the Blue Lodge at Mt. Sterling, and has taken higher degrees at Washington C. H. His eldest son also joined that fraternity in 1890 and has taken the Third Degree. In 1866, our subject, his brother and father, fed for the market over eleven hundred head of hogs, which brought them when sold $52,614.

The father of our subject was born in Perry Township, Pickaway County, this State, May 3, 1813. He was the third in order of birth in the family of Isaac and Dorothy (Baily) Jones, the former of whom was born in Delaware, April 14, 1783. The grandfather came to Ross County, this State, and after a residence there of one year went to Pickaway County, where he purchased and cleared one hundred and eighty acres of land. There he was married and became the father of eight children, only one of whom is living. They bore the respective names of Annie B., Thomas F., James, William, Isaac, Purnell, Mary D., Sarah B.

The father of Mrs. Jones was born in the little village of Waterloo, Fayette County, in 1815, while her mother was born in 1826, in Virginia, and accompanied her parents to this State when two years of age. She was one in a family of ten children, her brothers and sisters being named respectively: Timothy, Warren, Charity, Menerva, Alonzo, Miranda, Lucy, Elmer and Ella, the two latter twins.

MRS. CATHERINE A. MOORE, a highly esteemed resident of Madison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and one of the pioneers of the same, is now residing on section 22, where she has a well-improved farm. She was born in Hardy County, Va., on the 26th of February, 1812, and is the daughter of Nathan and Christina (Stump) Perrill, both natives of the Old Dominion and of Irish and German origin respectively. The father was an officer in the War of 1812. In 1816, he and his family emigrated to

Pickaway County, Ohio, and made the journey with a four-horse team and a saddle horse. They made a settlement in Madison Township, and began pioneer life in a log cabin in the woods. Of the five children born to this worthy couple only two now survive, Mrs. Moore, and Mary, wife of J. D. Vause, of Harrison Township. The father died in Madison Township, Pickaway County, this State, in April, 1843, and in his death the township lost one of its best citizens.

Mrs. Moore, the subject of this sketch, grew to mature years in Madison Township, Pickaway County, amid scenes of pioneer life, and has been an eye-witness to the wonderful improvements made in the country in the last seventy years. She received her education in the district schools of Madison Township, and supplemented this by a short course in the schools of Columbus, this State. She was married on the 7th of June, 1832, to Mr. John B. Moore, a native of Pennsylvania, born on the 4th of July, 1805, and the son of William and Elizabeth (Benford) Moore, natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania, respectively. At an early date, or in 1813, William Moore and family emigrated to Pickaway County, Ohio, and settled in Pickaway Plains, south of the present site of Circleville, later going to Circleville, where the father passed the remainder of his days. Here young Moore was reared, and his early life was spent in the mercantile business. Later, he ran a carding mill for several years, and the latter part of his life was spent in farm work. He was a man possessed of a good, practical education, and was thoroughly posted on all the leading topics of the day. In politics, he was a Democrat.

To Mr. and Mrs. Moore were born nine children, seven of whom are now living: Missouri E., wife of Thomas B. Vause, of Columbus, Ohio; Crissie P.; Augustus; Nathan, at Columbus, Ohio; William S.; Ellen R., wife of George Miller; and Josie C., wife of Rev. J. Kemper, of the Methodist Church of Tecumseh, Neb. The two deceased were Mary F. and Samuel P. Mr. Moore had served as Clerk and Trustee of Madison Township, Pickaway County, and was serving his second term as Treasurer of Pickaway County, Ohio, at the time of his death, which occurred on the 8th of January, 1857. He was a man of strong and vigorous intellect, and one of the representative citizens of the county. He was a kind and indulgent husband and father, and a pillar in the Methodist Church, in which he served in different official capacities. He was one of the founders of the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church and was well known as an active worker in religious matters, as well as in all other enterprises of a laudable nature. He was deeply interested in political matters, and was a charter member of the Masonic fraternity. He was a man of excellent business acumen, and at his death left a large amount of real estate, besides other valuable property. His widow survives him and is prominently identified with the Methodist Church. She owns a large, well-improved farm, and is among the oldest living pioneers of Madison Township, Pickaway County. Her husband was strictly a self-made man, and was universally liked throughout Pickaway County.

SEYMOUR R. VAN METER, a farmer of Pickaway County, won a good record as a soldier during those times that tried the souls of the bravest and most patriotic, when rebellion threatened our country with disunion and dishonor, and he has since made his citizenship valuable to his native township, Jackson. He was born here January 1, 1844, and comes of the old pioneer stock of the State. He is a son of Jacob S. Van Meter, who was born November 1, 1808, in Champaign County, of which his father, Henry Van Meter, was an early settler.

The grandfather of our subject was born in Hardy County, W. Va., May 12, 1780. He was descended from an old German family that had emigrated to this country in Colonial times, and had first settled in New York State, but subsequently traded with the Indians for land in Virginia, and was represented there several generations. Henry Van Meter came to Ohio in 1800, and, joining forces with the pioneers that had pre-

ceded him, he did noble work in redeeming the land from its original wildness, developing one of the finest farms in the county. He unfortunately lost his property during the War of 1812 by contracting and speculating, and never fully recovered it. He was a prominent man in the county, which he served two terms as Sheriff. He was a Methodist in religion and a Whig in politics. His death occurred at the age of seventy years, as did also that of his wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Renick.

The father of our subject was one of nine children. He attended the pioneer schools of Champaign County, and on his father's farm acquired a thorough knowledge of farming. While his father was Sheriff of the county, he did the most of the business in the office. In 1841, he was married to Sarah C. Jennings, a native of Clarke County, born October 7, 1817, who survives him at a venerable age, and still makes her home at Urbana. She is of the Baptist faith in belief. Mr. Van Meter began life with no capital, but in time he accumulated a handsome competency. In 1841, he came to Pickaway County, and settled on two hundred and fifty acres of land in Jackson Township, to which his mother had fallen heir. He finally bought the claims of the other heirs, and he eventually became the possessor of seven hundred acres of land in this township, and of two hundred and forty acres in Scioto Township. He made the most of his money by feeding cattle, a business that he pursued quite extensively. His death, December 15, 1863, was a serious blow to the interests of his community. In early life, he was a Whig, bnt he joined the Republicans after the formation of that party. He held the office of Township Trustee, and was prominently mentioned for County Commissioner. He led a conscientious, upright life, but was not a member of any church.

Seven of the eleven children born to the parents grew to maturity, namely: Edward J., Seymour R., Frank B. (deceased), Julia J., John R., Absalom J., and Charles L. He of whom we write passed his childhood on the farm, and in attendance at the district school, his education being supplemented by a course of some five months at the High School at Urbana. He was but a boy when the war broke out, but the following year found the patriotic youth in the ranks of those who were fighting for the old flag. He enlisted June 6, 1862, in Company A, Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry, was mustered in at Camp Chase, and in August, sent with his comrades to Covington, Ky. That year was spent in that State, and the following fall the Forty-fifth was sent to Gen. Burnside, at Knoxville, Tenn. Our subject's company was mounted, and did important scouting work in Tennessee, having several skirmishes with the enemy.

November 14, 1863, Mr. Van Meter was captured by the Texas Rangers, who were in advance of Gen. Longstreet, and he was taken to Richmond, where he was placed in Pemberton Prison, across the street from Libby. He was kept in that prison, and in Belle Isle Prison, from December 1, 1863, until March 4, 1864, and was then sent to Andersonville, arriving there March 10, and he was detained there until September 7, 1864, when he was taken to Savannah, Ga. October 10, he was again removed, this time to Millen, Ga., and was paroled there November 20, 1864, after an experience of one year and six days in various Southern prisons. He rejoined his regiment at Huntsville, Ala., and remained there until his life as a soldier was brought to a close after the war had ended, receiving his final discharge June 12, 1865, at Camp Harker, Tenn., he having seen much hard service throughout Alabama and Eastern Tennessee.

After his return from the South, Mr. Van Meter turned his attention to farming, and has done well in the prosecution of his calling, carrying on a mixed husbandry with good success. He lived on the old homestead until a year ago, and then took up his residence at Fox Postoffice as Assistant Postmaster. He has one hundred and forty acres of land, which is under good cultivation, and is provided with substantial improvements.

Our subject was married November 18, 1875, to Miss Rachel C. Vause, a native of Pickaway County, born May 20, 1850, and in her he has a devoted wife. The principal sorrow of their otherwise happy married life has been in the death of their

only child, Frank, who died at the age of six months. Mr. and Mrs. Van Meter are prominent, socially, and are among the leading members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been Deacon one year. They are very active in Sunday-school work, and the past summer held a mission school in the schoolhouse. In politics, our subject is a Republican, and in his social relations, he is a member of the Grand Army Post at Circleville.

HON. ANDREW R. CREAMER, attorney-at-law at Washington C. H., has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession here the last quarter of a century. He is a native of this county, having been born near Jeffersonville June 12, 1847, and is a son of Joseph B. and Elizabeth (Life) Creamer. The parents were natives of Virginia, and came to Fayette County about 1816, at a time when this now prosperous city contained only a few houses. They removed hither with their respective parents, who located near Jeffersonville. Joseph B. Creamer was a farmer by occupation, and was very prominent in local affairs, having served several terms as County Commissioner. He is still living, being in his eighty-fourth year; his good wife departed this life in 1865.

The original of this sketch attended the graded schools of Jeffersonville, and supplemented the knowledge gained therein by a course in the Normal at Lebanon, and later entered the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, taking an elective course. He then taught school for a time, in the interim reading law with the Hon. M. J. Williams, who is now Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio. Mr. Creamer was admitted to the Bar in April, 1870, and at once began practice at Washington C. H. In 1871, he was elected Prosecuting Attorney, when only twenty-three years of age, which office he filled satisfactorily for one term, declining a second nomination.

In the year 1879, Andrew R. Creamer was nominated on the Republican ticket for State Senator, and was elected by five thousand majority. He was the youngest man in the Senate at that time, and one of the youngest ever elected in the State of Ohio. He held that position for one term, the rule of the counties at that time being a single term to each county. He also served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1880, which resulted in the nomination of Gen. Garfield for President. Mr. Creamer then entered upon the practice of law more vigorously than ever, and is to-day one of the leading attorneys of the Fayette County Bar. He is a stockholder and attorney for the Commercial Bank, of this city, which position he had held since its organization.

Miss Anna E. Brundige, daughter of John and Mary Brundige, of Paris, Ill., became the wife of our subject in 1870. They have been granted a family of three children, viz: Alice, Alfred and Daisy. Mr. and Mrs. Creamer are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which body our subject serves on the official board. In social matters, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge; also I. O. O. F. lodge, and enjoys a wide and unblemished reputation as being a man of the most perfect business instincts.

PORTLAND C. FULLMER, Editor and proprietor of the *Jeffersonian* at West Jefferson, is an enterprising young journalist who has already made his way to an honorable position in his profession. It is an ably conducted paper, its editorials on all subjects of general interest are intelligent, keen and critical, and it has a large subscription list, including all classes of the reading public.

The late George Fullmer, the father of our subject was born in Pennsylvania, October 17, 1798, while the mother, Sophronia Thrasher, was born in Chittenden County, Vt., January 21, 1820. The parents were married in Jefferson, Wis., June 29, 1851, and two years later removed to Pennsylvania locating near Lancaster, where they remained until October, 1854, and then came West to Madison County, locating in Jefferson Township. The father was a farmer by occupation, and took an

active interest in all local affairs, being especially prominent in church and school matters. He departed this life April 1, 1884, his declining years being cheered by the sincere friendship and filial love of those about him.

Of the two children comprised in the parental family, Henry D., was the elder and is at present engaged in operating the old homestead. The orignal of this sketch was born in Jefferson Township, Madison County, May 9, 1855, and was reared to mature years on his father's farm. The knowledge gained by attendance in the common schools was supplemented by a course at the University at Lebanon, and after finishing his studies he was employed as a teacher for several terms. Mr. Fullmer was later engaged as traveling salesman for medical supplies and for some two years clerked in a drug store in West Jefferson.

In November, 1891, he of whom we write began the publication of the *Jeffersonian*, which is received with favor throughout the entire county. In 1889, he was appointed Notary Public, and in social matters is a leading member of West Jefferson Lodge No. 412, I. O. O. F., and occupies a prominent position as a Knight of Pythias. Mr. Fullmer was united in marriage April 6, 1892, with Miss Mary V. Reason, daughter of A. J. and Martha E. Reason, natives of Virginia and Maryland respectively.

ANDREW METZGER. The splendid farm which belongs to this gentleman possesses considerable historical importance as the site of the old Logan fort, and the place where Logan, Chief of the Mingo Indians, is supposed to have made his famous speech. Even at the present time, relics are still found of the savages who once inhabited this beautiful land, hunted the deer and fought sanguinary battles with their equally savage foes, but who are fast disappearing from the face of the country, where once they reigned in undisturbed majesty.

The estate mentioned comprises one hundred and sixty acres of fertile land, in Wayne Township, Pickaway County, and is divided and subdivided into fields of convenient size, some of which are tilled, and others devoted to pasturage of the stock which may be found upon the place in large numbers. The owner of the farm, and the subject of this notice, was born in Washington Township, Pickaway County, November 30, 1841, and is the son of Benjamin Metzger, whose birth occurred in this county, in 1808. The grandfather, John Metzger, removed from Pennsylvania to Ohio during the closing years of the last century, settling in Washington Township, Pickaway County, and subsequently removing to Allen County, Ind., where he died.

The father of our subject became a farmer, and, removing from Washington to Pickaway Township, purchased a tract of land, which he tilled and cultivated until his death, in 1868. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and a man of sincere and noble character. He married Mary Zemer, the daughter of Pennsylvanian parents, and they became the parents of eleven children, ten of whom are still living, our subject being the fifth in order of birth. The mother died in 1845, many years prior to the decease of her husband.

Until the death of his father, in 1868, our subject remained at home, aiding in the management of the farm, of which he afterward assumed the entire control, and continued in that way for a few years. In 1875, he purchased the farm in Wayne Township, on which he still resides, and which, through his efforts, has been brought to a high state of cultivation. In all his labors he has received the cheerful co-operation of his wife, to whom he was married in 1873. She was Miss Lizzie, daughter of Joseph B. Haswell, a native of Ohio, and a pioneer merchant in Circleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Metzger are the parents of three children: Benjamin, William (deceased), and Joseph. Mrs. Metzger is devoted to the welfare of religious causes, and is identified with the Lutheran Church. In educational and political matters, Mr. Metzger takes considerable interest, and is a firm adherent of the principles of the Democratic party. He served as Trustee of Wayne Township for nine years, also as School Director, and

as delegate to various conventions, and in whatever position he has been placed by his fellow-citizens has discharged the duties incumbent upon the office with fidelity and discretion.

SAMUEL J. PAULLIN, who occupies a high place among the farmers and stock-breeders of Range Township, Madison County, makes a specialty of raising Short-horn cattle and Poland-China hogs. His estate, which is pleasantly located, is supplied with all the conveniences for carrying on this branch of agriculture, in which Mr. Paullin is accumulating a handsome fortune.

He of whom we write was born in Paint Township, Fayette County, September 29, 1849, and is a son of Uriah and Martha (Greene) Paullin. The father, who was a native of Greene County, this State, was born on the 24th of February, 1813, while the mother, who also hailed from that county, was born February 14, 1826. Samuel J. spent his boyhood days in Paint Township, on a farm, and in addition to receiving a common-school education, attended an academy at Bloomingburgh for six months, and when nineteen years of age, took a course of study at Antioch. He then taught school for one term, after which he attended a teachers' session at Lebanon, and then taught another term. He later spent one summer in traveling through Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois and Indian Territory, and, on returning home, carried on his father's estate.

In 1876, while attempting to kill an enraged bull, Mr. Paullin was attacked by the animal and thrown twenty feet, breaking his leg in three places and bruising him generally. He was thus crippled for the remainder of that season, but, becoming convalescent, he went to Illinois. In 1877, our subject purchased his present home, and two years later, on January 1, he was united in marriage to Miss Flora Adelaid, daughter of Andrew B. and Clarinda (Clarridge) Core. She was born in Fayette County, October 21, 1857, and was given an excellent education, following the occupation of a teacher for four years.

The seven children comprising the family of Mr. and Mrs. Paullin are Myrta Ethel, who was born in 1879; Herman L., in 1881; Uriah Wilber, in 1882; Edgar Core, in 1883; Minnie Alpha, in 1885; Elda Gertrude, in 1887; and Martha Henrietta, in 1890. They occupy a beautiful home, and move in the best circles of Paint Township.

Mr. Paullin cast his first Presidential vote in 1872, for U. S. Grant. In 1877, he was elected Assessor of his township, and, although not an office-seeker, has been called upon to represent his fellow-townsmen in numerous positions. He has served as Judge of Elections in Democratic wards, and has been delegate to county conventions a number of times, having the honor of nominating Mr. Martin at the convention, when he received his second nomination. With his wife, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and occupies the position of Trustee and Treasurer of that denomination.

C. W. PURSELL is a young man whose native ability has placed him in the front ranks of the business men of Washington C. H., his birthplace, where he is extensively engaged as a lumber merchant and as a manufacturer of doors, sashes and blinds. He was born August 15, 1856, and was educated in the public schools of this city. At the age of fifteen, he entered the *Herald* office to learn the trade of a printer, and after he had become an expert typesetter he remained in the office as a journeyman. After spending four years in that manner, our subject entered the lumber business, and continued in it seven years. He then sold out his business and went to Minneapolis, Minn., where he engaged in the manufacture of underwear for three years. Returning at the expiration of that time to Washington C. H., he resumed his old business, and this is one of the leading firms in that line in this part of the county. He also does a thriving business in the manufacture of blinds, doors and sashes.

Mr. Purcell possesses a pleasing personality, is frank and generous by nature, is noted for his

John Courtright

good fellowship, and is one of the most popular society men in the city. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, of which he is an ardent supporter. In his social relations, he is identified with the Masonic fraternity, as a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Royal Arcanum.

JOHN COURTRIGHT. Among the successful agriculturists of Pickaway County, we may mention the name of Mr. Courtright, whose portrait is presented on the opposite page and whose estate is located on section 14, Walnut Township. His family figures in the social gatherings of this community, where their intelligence and cultured manners make them welcome guests. Our subject is a native of the above-named township, his birth occurring January 28, 1838. He is therefore actively interested in all that pertains to its upbuilding, and is liberal with both his time and means.

Jesse D. and Sallie (Stout) Courtright, the parents of our subject, were natives respectively of Fairfield County, this State, and Pennsylvania. The father was reared to man's estate in his native county, where the family were among the pioneers, enduring all the hardships and privations which life in a new country made necessary. He was born in 1811 and by his marriage with Miss Stout became the parent of nine children, seven of whom are living, namely: Mary J., Mrs. Thomas Cole; Sarah, who married Emanuel Westenhaver; Elizabeth, Mrs. Ezra Beery; John; George S., a physician residing in Fairfield County, Ohio; Samuel W., a judge at Circleville; Alva P., also a physician, practicing in Circleville; Edson B. O. and Amanda are deceased.

Some time in the '30s, the father of our subject located upon the farm which is the property of John Courtright. He was very prominent in the county, represented Pickaway County one term in the Legislature, and was also the incumbent of various township offices, the duties of which he discharged in a conscientious and satisfactory manner. Socially, he was identified with the Masonic fraternity, and in politics was a Democrat. He passed from this life February 22, 1873, at Circleville, whither he had removed in 1870. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, to the support of which he was a liberal and cheerful contributor. Mrs. Courtright survived her husband until July, 1881, when she too passed to the home beyond.

The original of this sketch grew to mature years on the home farm and there was trained to a thorough understanding of farm life, which pursuit has been his life calling. He was given a good education in the public schools of his locality. August 16, 1866, he was married to Minerva L. Brobst, who was born in Fairfield County, February 8, 1846. Mrs. Courtright was the daughter of David and Leah (Culp) Brobst, the father a native of the above-named county, and the mother of Walnut Township, this county, where her parents were among the early settlers. To Mr. and Mrs. Courtright have been born four children: Alva B., Sallie F., John D. (deceased), and Grace C. Our subject is the proprietor of a splendid estate, comprising three hundred and forty-five acres in the home farm, and two hundred acres in Fairfield County, beside a half interest in one hundred and thirty acres, the records thus showing him to be one of the heaviest taxpayers in his school district and township.

In politics, Mr. Courtright is a Democrat, and for a number of years served his fellow-townsmen as Trustee. He is a Director of Reber Hill Cemetery, and, with his good wife, is a member in good standing of the Presbyterian Church, in which body he served in the capacity of Elder for a long period. His upright and honest life has won the esteem and respect of all good citizens, by whom he will be remembered long after he has been called hence. Socially, he is identified with the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Lithopolis Lodge No. 169, in which body he was Master for fourteen years. He also served as Eminent Commander of the Scioto Commandery No. 35, at Circleville and was otherwise identified with social life.

A brother of our subject, Judge Samuel Courtright, of Circleville, is one of the prominent and well-to-do residents of that place. Another brother,

George S. Courtright, is a skillful physician and during the Civil War served as Assistant Surgeon. For two years, he was in the Department of Mexico, and during that time joined the expedition commanded by Kit Carson against the Indians in Texas, which perhaps the reader will remember was unsuccessful. Our subject and his estimable wife jointly preside over one of the pleasantest homes in the township. Their intelligence and hospitality create about them a delightful atmosphere of genuine enjoyment, and with them their friends find a pleasant respite from the cares and fatigues of business and home duties, as well as an intellectual stimulus in the best direction.

AUGUSTUS P. LAMB. This prominent and wealthy farmer of Scioto Township, Pickaway County, has a reputation among his fellow-citizens of being the greatest "hustler" in the county, and in political circles he is looked upon as one of the shrewdest and most capable men in his party. He is deeply interested in educational matters, and considers that the future of Pickaway County depends upon the training which is given to the children of this generation.

Our subject was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, January 7, 1847, and is a son of Frederick Lamb, who was born in Augusta County, Va., in 1798. The grandfather, who was of German descent, died when Frederick Lamb was an infant, and when only six years old, the child came, in 1804, to Ohio with his brothers, who settled in Fairfield County. He had journeyed on horseback over the mountains, a distance of over five hundred miles. He was educated in the pioneer schools, and early turned his attention to the hard work of the frontier, splitting rails and peddling clocks for some eight or ten years, and in that way gaining means to make a start in life. He at one time owned fifteen hundred acres of land, and was then esteemed as one of the wealthiest men in the county. An hotel for drovers going to the Eastern markets was kept by him, and sometimes he had as many as one hundred men under his roof over night. In addition to all this, this man of large business capacity carried on extensive farming and stock-dealing. He died at the age of seventy-eight years, an esteemed member of the Protestant Methodist Church, and a Democrat in his political connections.

Elizabeth Caldwell was the maiden name of the mother of our subject, and she was also a native of Virginia, and came to Ohio with some of her relatives when she was a young girl of thirteen. Her parents had died when she was quite young, and had left her an extensive estate, with a large number of slaves, whom she set free. It was in 1828 that she came to Ohio, and she traveled on horseback over the mountains. She was the mother of ten children, six of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: Almeda, Hamilton, Worthington, Frederick, our subject and Edson. This woman of remarkable capability and character died at the age of fifty years. She was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, and, with a few others, was the main support of that body in her vicinity. Indeed, the church building was erected through her efforts and contributions.

The boyhood of our subject was passed upon the farm, and after attending the district school in the log school house, he studied at the Fairfield Union Academy, spending two years there studying German and Latin. While a pupil in the district school, he had a teacher who had been hired on account of his extraordinary ability in mathematics, but who was a hard drinker. Young Lamb found his teacher's jug of whiskey under a root in a clearing back of the schoolhouse, and at recess filled it full of water. The teacher went out to get a drink, and was wild with rage at finding the trick which had been played upon him. The child was frightened at the teacher's anger and began to cry, thus showing his own connection with the affair, whereupon the teacher made him tell who had suggested to him this act, and whipped them.

Upon first beginning work for himself, the young man farmed for six years upon one hundred and sixty acres in Fairfield County, and then

moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where for one year he carried on a speculative business, but not liking the land there, returned to Fairfield County and rented for two years. He lived for six years upon three hundred and forty acres near Darbyville, a property which he bought at $33 and sold at $65 per acre. His farm in Pickaway County, upon which he moved in 1881, has three hundred and forty acres, and all of it is improved land.

Rebecca McNaghten, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, became the wife of our subject September 19, 1870. They have six children living and one has passed from earth. Those who are living are Owen P. (now in the Columbus University), Whitney E., Clyde C., Frederick W., Rex and Nellie. Most of the farm is rented out to tenants, and Mr. Lamb devotes all his time to trading in stock and other directions, buying and selling large numbers of horses and cattle. He has unusual ability in business matters, and is of a speculative turn of mind. He goes to Cincinnati and Chicago to buy stock and brings them here to fatten and sell. He is a Democrat in his political views, and is looked up to for his wisdom in regard to State politics. For twenty-five years he has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Commercial Point. There is no point upon which Mr. Lamb is more wide-awake and progressive than in regard to the education of his children, which he looks upon as of supreme importance.

ALLEN LATHAM is a general farmer on a fertile tract of four hundred and fifty-seven acres of land located in Jasper Township, Fayette County. He was the son of Bela and Mary Ellen (Feagens) Latham, natives espectively of Maine and Ohio. The parents were married in Fayette County, soon after which event they located on a farm in Union Township. In 1834, they moved upon the land which is in possession of our subject, but which at that early period was in its original wildness. The tract comprises three hundred acres, nearly all of which Mr. Latham placed under good cultivation prior to his decease, which occurred in 1873. His good wife preceded him to the world beyond by several years, her death taking place in 1868.

The parental family of our subject included eleven children, only four of whom are living. Five sons took part in the late Civil War: Charles was killed at the battle of Cheat Mountain; Fielding died in the hospital while in the service. The elder Mr. Latham took a great interest in the welfare of his township, and served his fellow-townsmen as Trustee for several terms. He was a member in good standing of the Christian Church and gave liberally of his means to its support.

The original of this sketch was born November 17, 1832, in Union Township, Fayette County. He was an infant when his parents settled on the farm, where he grew to manhood, and where he saw plenty of hard work, having to assist his father in cultivating the land. When starting out in life on his own responsibility, Mr. Latham secured a tract of one hundred and twenty acres, and improved the same.

Our subject joined the Union army in 1864, and enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio Militia. The regiment went into camp at Ft. Dennison, and later went into Kentucky, where Mr. Latham did guard duty; he also participated in the Morgan raid. He was in the service for four months, and then returning home he was married in July, 1865, to Miss Catherine, daughter of Moore and Ann (Bailey) Bragg, natives of this State, being residents of Ross County. There the mother's decease took place, while the father died in Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Bragg were born five children, Mrs. Latham's birth occurring in 1844.

After his marriage, he of whom we write settled upon the home farm, where he continued to reside for three and a half years. He then removed to a farm a mile and a half southeast of Plymouth and made that place his home for sixteen years, when he returned to what is now his present abiding-place. His estate comprises four hundred and fifty-seven acres of valuable land, more than half of which is under the most approved methods of cultivation. He gives his time and attention

to general farming and has been more than ordinarily successful in his calling.

To Mr. and Mrs. Latham has been born one daughter, Mary Ellen, who is the wife of Grant Marchant, M. D., and resides in Milledgeville; they are the parents of one child. Mrs. Latham is a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics, our subject is a thorough Republican, and his interest in educational affairs has caused him to be placed on the School Board. He has occupied the responsible position of Trustee of his township for two terms, during which time he fulfilled all the duties of that office in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to his constituents.

JAMES SILCOTT. This prominent practicing dentist of Washington C. H. occupies a pleasant and conveniently located suite of rooms in the Worthington Block, corner of Market and Main Streets. His office is furnished with all the appliances which contribute to success in his profession, and his attention is closely given to the welfare of his patients. Not only is he popular among the people of the county, but he is prominently and favorably known in the ranks of his professional brethren.

Born in Washington C. H. November 30, 1862, our subject is the son of A. E. Silcott, an early resident of the city. He was educated in the common and High Schools of the place, graduating from the latter in 1880, after which he was for one year a student in the State University at Columbus. He then entered the Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., and after studying there one year, followed the profession of a civil engineer for two years, making the first surveys on the Columbus, & Cincinnati Midland Railroad, and afterward engaging in surveys in the West.

On returning to Ohio, our subject commenced the study of dentistry with his uncle, Dr. J. R. Taylor, of Cincinnati, with whom he remained until 1884. He then entered the Ohio Dental College, from which he was graduated with the Class of '86. For the ensuing two years he occupied the position of Demonstrator in both operative and mechanical departments, following which he came to Washington C. H. and opened an office in 1889. He now enjoys an extensive and lucrative practice, and is highly esteemed by the people of the county.

Dr. Silcott is a member of the Mississippi Valley Dental Association, of which he has been Secretary one year. He is also identified with the Cincinnati Odontological Society, the State Dental Association, also President of the Board of Dental Examiners of the State of Ohio, the Chi Phi fraternity; and socially, he is a member of Fayette Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Knights of Pythias. His marriage October 17, 1889, at Walnut Hill, Cincinnati, united him with Miss Marie Leininger, of that place, and they are the parents of one child, Marie. They are prominently identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the social circles of Washington C. H. are welcome guests. Politically, our subject is a Republican.

JOHN MALLOW comes of the fine old pioneer stock that was represented in the American Revolution and in the War of 1812, and by his good soldiership during the late rebellion, he proved himself worthy of so patriotic an ancestry. He is a farmer in Wayne Township, Fayette County, where he has large and valuable landed interests, and is among the foremost of his calling in his county.

Mr. Mallow was born in Ross County in 1838, a son of Simeon and Jane Mallow. His father was also a native of Ross County, and was born in 1813 on the same farm on which his son, of whom we write, first opened his eyes to the light. His parents were Adam and Phebe (Dice) Mallow, who were natives of Pendleton County, Va., and early settlers of Ross County, this State, locating there in 1800. The former was a son of Adam and Sarah (Bush) Mallow, and was an officer in the War of 1812, who attained the rank of Major. His father

was a native of Virginia, and, when a mere child, was captured by the Indians at Ft. Sebert, on the Potomac River, his mother, several brothers and a sister being taken at the same time. His life was preserved on account of his bravery, while his brothers and sister were killed before the eyes of their mother because they cried. His savage captors brought him to the old Indian village of Chillicothe, in the adjoining county of Ross, and he was with them six years before he could effect his escape. He was very favorably impressed with the beauty of the country around his Indian home, and he came to this State in the last years of his life to spend his remaining days in Ross County, where he died at a good old age. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and fought at Point Pleasant.

Simeon Mallow's education was limited to the district school of the olden times. His parents both died when he was young, and he immediately took charge of his father's farm, his early training fitting him to carry it on in an able manner. At the age of twenty-two, he took unto himself a wife in the person of Jane Campbell, who was born in Wayne Township in 1815, and was a daughter of William and Margaret (Macolum) Campbell, who were natives respectively of Kentucky and Virginia, who had located in Fayette County in 1800. After marriage, Mr. Mallow bought the remainder of the old homestead from the other heirs, and quietly, contentedly and prosperously pursued his vocation thereon, and fulfilled his duties as a man and a citizen throughout a long and honorable life, until his death in 1885. His wife had passed away ten years previously. To them had been born these four children: Adam G., John, Lewis C. and Armilda. The father was of the old Whig stock, and when the Republican party rose he joined its ranks. He held most of the offices of his township, and always took an affectionate pride in its progress.

In the early years of his manhood, the subject of this biography showed the value of his citizenship by entering the army in 1862, as a member of Company K, Eighty-ninth Ohio Infantry, and going forth from home and friends to help fight his country's battles, and, mayhap, to die in defense of the Union. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Cumberland, and he took part in many of the most important engagements in which that branch of the service figured. Thus he was present at the dreadful battle of Chickamauga; helped in the successful storming of Missionary Ridge, where the common soldiers covered themselves with glory; did some heavy fighting at Dalton and Resaca; was in all the principal battles that were fought during Gen. Sherman's famous march to the sea, assisting in the siege and capture of Atlanta, and finally took part in the Grand Review at Washington in 1865, after the close of the war. He had a full experience of the hardships and perils of a soldier's life, but happily escaped from many of the dangers that threatened on every hand, only receiving a slight wound, at Chickamauga, which necessitated his going to the hospital for a short time. He entered the service as a private, and was mustered out as First Lieutenant of his company, an honor well deserved.

Returning home from the battle-fields of the South, Mr. Mallow at once resumed the duties on the farm that he had laid aside when he abandoned the plough and the reaping hook to shoulder the musket. In 1867, he took upon himself the responsibilities of domestic life, marrying Miss Julia, daughter of Solomon and Juliet (Crawford) Bush. Her father was a son of John and Mariette (Wise) Bush. John Bush was a son of Michael Bush, who in turn was a son of Lewis Bush. To Mr. and Mrs. Mallow were born five children, two of whom died young. The survivors are Alma E., Otis B. and Harry C. In 1883, death removed the beloved wife and mother from the home that her presence had made so pleasant, but her influence still lingers within its precincts, and her memory is hallowed.

Mr. Mallow came to his present place of residence in 1870, and has here one of the best-appointed farms in all Wayne Township. Its area is five hundred and ten acres of well-improved land, amply supplied with modern and conveniently arranged buildings, including a brick dwelling-house and substantial barns; and our subject has put up neat fences, and has drained the land by a complete system of tiling.

Mr. Mallow's political relations have been with

the Republican party ever since he cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He has held many of the offices of his township, and has in various ways been prominently indentified with its advancement.

W. I. BALLINGER, M. D. We here present a life sketch of one of the prominent citizens of Plain City, who is an Ohioan by birth, having been born in Zane Township, Logan County, October 18, 1828. His father, Joshua Ballinger, was born in 1803, in Burlington, N. J., and became a farmer. In early life, he came to Ohio with his parents, making his home, in 1810, in what is now known as Logan County, and remaining there until his death, which took place in 1873. This honored parent was in his political views a Whig in his early life and later a Republican. For many years he was an active and earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but in his later years was an earnest worker in the Protestant Methodist denomination. His father, Samuel Ballinger, who was a native of Burlington County, N. J., died at the age of seventy-five years.

William Ballinger, an ancestor of our subject, was banished from France and found his new home in England. Later, he came to America, where his descendants have since found a congenial home. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Delilah Inskeep, and is a native of Ohio, being born in Logan County in 1808. This venerable lady still makes her home upon the farm where she was born, and is the oldest native-born resident in that county. Her father, John Inskeep, was a native of Culpeper, Va., and both from her family and from that of his father our subject is of Quaker stock. The grandfather of the Doctor was a preacher among this godly and enlightened people.

The parents of Dr. Ballinger were united in marriage in Logan County, Ohio, and there reared a family of eight children, three daughters and five sons, all of whom are still living. W. I. is the second child and eldest son, and until he reached the age of nineteen, his life was spent upon the farm. After attending the district school, he entered the academy at Marysville, Union County, Ohio, in 1848, and after two years in that excellent institution he took a three-years' course in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware. It was in 1853 that he commenced the study of medicine, reading with Dr. D. W. L. Henderson, of Marysville, remaining with him for three years, and at the same time attending lectures in the Starling Medical College, of Columbus. Later, he studied at the Cleveland Medical College, where he received his diploma in March, 1856.

The young Doctor's first location for practice was in Plain City, in April of the same year, and he has remained here during all the years of the past quarter of a century. Besides attending to the claims of his medical practice, which has been extensive, he has engaged in the milling business. In company with R. Woodruff, of Plain City, he built a mill in 1873, and when his partner died two years later, Dr. Ballinger bought his interest and has since continued its sole proprietor. This mill has been a great help to the farming community, as it was the first one in the vicinity and was the first enterprise to give Plain City a start in business progress. Since its erection, there are probably a thousand acres of wheat raised where there were ten acres before. Its capacity for the manufacture of flour is seventy-five barrels daily, and the mill now has the roller process. The Doctor found himself over-burdened on account of the milling business and in 1883 gave up his medical practice. He has a fine farm of one hundred and fifty-nine acres in Darby Township. This he carries on prosperously and is also interested financially in a furniture factory, which is a prominent enterprise of Plain City.

The lady who presides over the home of Dr. Ballinger became his wife February 18, 1857. Her maiden name was Matilda Taylor and she is a daughter of John and Eliza (Mark) Taylor, and was born in Darby Township. Her mother, who is still living, has reached the good age of seventy-nine years and still makes her home in Darby Township. Of the five children of our subject, two died in infancy. The eldest son, John, now lives in Plain City, as does also the second son, James L. Miss

Eva, the only daughter, a lady of unusual accomplishments, especially in the musical line, is at home with her parents. The Doctor is prominent in the Masonic lodge and active in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a Trustee. His political affiliations have ever been with the Republican party, and his first Presidential vote was cast for Gen. Winfield Scott.

JAMES WILLIAM DUFFEE is a member of the firm of J. W. Duffee & Co., grocers and provision dealers at Washington C. H., one of the most solid and prosperous business firms of the city. Our subject comes of a family that was well represented during the late war, in which he himself fought, though only a mere boy when he entered the army.

Mr. Duffee was born January 17, 1846, and is a native of this State, his birthplace being in Hocking County. He is a son of Charles Duffee, who is also a native of Ohio, born in Meigs County in 1822, his parents, who were Pennsylvanians, having been among the pioneers of that county. When he was about eleven years old, they removed to Hocking County, and settled in Stark Township. He remained there until he was twenty-nine years old, and then went to Vinton County, where he learned the trade of a shoemaker. At the end of six years, which were employed at his trade, he came to Washington C. H., and was engaged in the manufacture of shoes here until the summer of 1861. The breaking out of the war roused his patriotism, and in August of that year he enlisted in Company A, First Ohio Cavalry. He served most of the time on detached duty, winning an excellent record as a soldier, and was honorably discharged at the close of his term of enlistment in December, 1862, at St. Paul, Minn.

After he retired from the army, Mr. Duffee resumed his trade at Washington C. H., and carried it on until 1875, when he became a manufacturer, and was so engaged for seven years. At the expiration of that time, he went into the grocery business with his sons, and is still interested in that. He is prominent in public life, and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been Warden of his lodge. He has been Marshal of the city for two years, and is a man greatly respected. In politics, he has been a Republican since the war. Mr. Duffee has a wife and two sons, our subject and G. W. The latter is engaged in the shoemaking business. He is an honored veteran of the war, who was quite young when he first enlisted, in 1861, in Company C, Sixtieth Ohio Infantry. He was with that regiment one year, and was then mustered out. In 1863, he again enlisted, becoming a member of Company A, First Ohio Cavalry, and served with fidelity throughout the remainder of the Rebellion, receiving his final discharge in August, 1865. He then returned to this city, and has been engaged as before mentioned ever since. His war record is commemorated by his membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

The subject of this biographical review was young when his parents came to Washington C. H. and took up their permanent residence here, and his education was completed in the excellent schools of this city. He learned the trade of a shoemaker, and made shoes for a living until his enlistment in November, 1861, in Company C, Sixtieth Ohio Infantry. Although so youthful, he displayed fine soldierly qualities, and did good service until taken prisoner with his brother at Harper's Ferry, where he had done some good fighting. He and his brother were paroled, and mustered out at Chicago in December, 1862. He returned to Washington C. H., went back to his trade, and continued at it until 1875, when he secured a position as clerk in a shoe store, which he held about two years. We then find him in business on his own account with his father as grocer and provision dealer. They have a well-fitted up establishment, in which they carry a full line of groceries and provisions, and they are doing a fine business, as they are attentive to their customers, supplying them always with the best to be obtained, keep a careful run of the markets, and are strictly honorable in their dealings.

Mr. Duffee was married May 16, 1867, to Miss Frances, daughter of Daniel Wendell, a merchant

of this city, who keeps a gentleman's furnishing and clothing store. Mr. and Mrs. Duffee are greatly esteemed in social circles for their many amiable and agreeable qualities, and true hospitality is found in their home, which is brightened by the presence of their two daughters: Grace, who is twenty-three years old; and May Margueretta, who is eleven years old. Mr. Duffee is a charter member of John Bell Post No. 119, G. A. R., and he belongs to the Masonic order. Politically, he is a Democrat, and, religiously, a Presbyterian, who works heartily with his fellow-members in promoting the welfare of the church and of the community at large.

LEWIS R. LESHER. The farms of the Plum Run Valley are unsurpassed for fertility of soil and beauty of location by any estates in Pickaway County. Among them, one of the largest and best improved is the farm belonging to Mr. Lesher, and comprising four hundred and thirteen and one-half acres, which are under good cultivation. The place is watered by the Plum Run River, a beautiful stream that never goes dry, and even when parching droughts destroy crops in other sections of the State, still flows on tranquilly and contributes to secure the bountiful harvests of this locality. A view of the homestead is shown on another page.

A native of Berks County, Pa., Mr. Lesher was born September 12, 1839, and is descended from German ancestors, who, in the second generation before him, emigrated to the United States and made a settlement in the Keystone State. His father, Samuel, was born in Berks County and learned the trade of a mason in his youth, although he was principally engaged as a farmer, and became quite wealthy. His death occurred in 1865, when he was about three-score and ten. His wife, Sarah Ann Raber, likewise a native of Berks County, died when about forty years old. Both were identified with the German Lutheran Church and were consistent Christians. The family of which our subject is a member consists of eight children, five sons and three daughters. Lewis R. received a somewhat limited schooling but has gained a good education through attendance in the school of experience, where toil and hardship were his severe but efficient instructors. When eighteen, he commenced to learn the trade of a carpenter, but never followed it to any considerable extent. At the age of twenty, he commenced to clerk in a store, but after engaging in that way for three years, his health failed and he was obliged to seek other employment.

In the spring of 1862, Mr. Lesher removed to Pickaway County, and located in Salt Creek Township, where he has since resided. He purchased land and immediately commenced to farm and raise cattle. August 2, 1863, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Lutz, daughter of the venerable Samuel Lutz, mentioned in this work. Mrs. Lesher was born and reared on the farm where she still lives, and is highly esteemed by a host of warm personal friends. She is the mother of three children, namely: Samuel H. who is married and lives near the old homestead; and Lizzie and Charles, who are at home.

In political matters, as in all affairs of general interest, Mr. Lesher keeps thoroughly posted and affiliates with the Republican party. He has served as delegate to county and district conventions and was Township Treasurer for two years, and at present is serving as Trustee. In 1891, he was nominated for County Commissioner, and although the county has a Democratic majority of between eight and twelve hundred, he was defeated by only one hundred and fifty votes. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, he has been Deacon and Treasurer for several years, and Treasurer of the Sunday-school for some time, being a pillar in the church and an active promoter of all good works.

In addition to his homestead, Mr. Lesher owns sixty acres in Hocking County, and his landed interests are extensive and valuable. He engages in stock-raising and makes a specialty of Short-horn cattle, in which he has been successful. He commenced in life without means, but by sturdy in-

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tegrity and unremitting perseverance, he has become well-to-do. He is a close observer of men and things and possesses a deep insight into affairs of moment. Since 1862, he has been a subscriber and reader of the daily Cincinnati *Commercial Gazette*, and formulates opinions only after careful study and close observation.

JOHN A. GROCE was born amid the pioneer scenes of Pickaway County, October 23, 1825, and for many years contributed to its prosperity by his practical work as an intelligent farmer who has a well-managed farm on section 35, Walnut Township. He is a son of George and Catherine (Souders) Groce, who were natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of this county. They came here when there were but few other whites here, the country in its original wildness with but few settlements, and in the flourishing town of Circleville there were but three cabins. They took up their abode in a log cabin in the woods of what is now Walnut Township, and underwent the usual hardships and privations in building up their home. Further mention of them is made in the biography of their son Amos, which appears on these pages.

When our subject was a boy, Indians were still lingering around their old hunting-grounds and homes in this region, and wild game was plentiful. He is mainly self-educated, as the rude log schoolhouses of his day were not the seats of learning that the modern school buildings are, educational facilities being rather limited. However, he was well endowed with a clear brain, and a healthy, active nature, together with a good capacity for sustained and well-directed labor, and he has done well in the prosecution of his calling as a farmer, having a valuable farm, which yields him a goodly income. It is well supplied with a good class of buildings, that are neat and well kept, and he has all the appliances for carrying on farming to good advantage.

The marriage of Mr. Groce with Miss Julia A. Tobias occurred in November, 1846. She was a native of Pennsylvania, and in the early years of the settlement of Pickaway County, came hither with her parents. She was the mother of five children, of whom these two are living, George F. and Julia A., the latter the wife of Winsan Corder. The names of the three deceased are John A., Emanuel and Catherine. December 6, 1883, our subject was married to Mrs. Susan Bolan, widow of Thomas J. Bolan, formerly of Scioto Township. She was born in Walnut Township, December 31, 1822, and is a daughter of George and Mary Brinker, natives of Pennsylvania, who at an early period in the settlement of Pickaway County came here and located in the woods of Walnut Township. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom seven survive: Nancy, Mrs. Groce; Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Compton; George, Sarah; Lovina, wife of Nelson Warren; and John.

It has been the privilege of our subject and his wife to witness much of the growth of Pickaway County from its original wildness, and in them we have good types of that fine class of people developed by the environments of pioneer life. They have always lived uprightly, in true friendship with all about them, and none know them but to respect them. Mrs. Groce is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church as one of its most active working members.

JOHN FLORENCE is conducting a profitable business as farmer and stock-raiser, his interests centering in Monroe Township, where he has a good-sized, finely managed farm, situated nine miles west, and a little south, of Plain City. He is a native of Madison County, and was born October 5, 1845. His father, Robinson Florence, was a native of Virginia, and a son of William and Fanny Florence, who came from that State to this when he was young, and were among the pioneers of Pickaway County, locating on land that they developed into a farm.

The father of our subject married Elizabeth Williams, who was likewise a native of Virginia, and

her parents, John and Mary Williams, were also early settlers of this region, locating in Paint Township, this county, where the mother of our subject grew to womanhood and was married. After marriage, the Florences settled on a farm in Paint Township, and in their pioneer home their son of whom we write was born. The father died on the old homestead in his eightieth year. The aged mother is still living there, and is now eighty-one years old. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom seven grew to maturity, and six are still living: E. R., William, Fanny, John, Charles and Edwin.

John Florence of this sketch is the seventh child of the family. His boyhood days were pleasantly passed on the old farm that is his birthplace. He was a good scholar, and was given excellent educational advantages, attending first the district school, and then the public school and academy at London, finally becoming a student at the Ohio University at Delaware, where he pursued a fine course of study. Thus well equipped for the battle of life, he returned to the farm and gave his father valuable assistance in its management for some years. In 1877, he located on the farm in Monroe Township that he has ever since owned and occupied. It comprises two hundred and twenty acres of rich and well-tilled land, and is in a fine condition generally as to improvements and all that goes to make up a good farm. Mr. Florence devotes it to mixed husbandry, and has it well stocked. He keeps from one hundred and fifty to four hundred sheep all the time, and has a goodly number of cattle and horses of high grades. He is an active, wide-awake, industrious man, who looks carefully after his interests, and is eminently deserving of the success that has crowned his labors, placing him among the substantial men of the county. He stands well as a man and a citizen, his neighbors always finding him pleasant and obliging, and he favors all things likely to benefit the township. He was formerly a Democrat, in politics, but he now votes the People's ticket, being keenly interested in political matters.

Mr. Florence was married, September 16, 1875, to Miss Blanche Morgridge, the second daughter of J. B. and Harriet (Tuttle) Morgridge. She, too, is a native of Madison County, born in Darby Township, December 4, 1854. She is finely educated, having been a student in some of the best schools of this, and a neighboring State. She first attended the district school in her native town, was then sent to Marysville, Ohio, from there to Ridgers Seminary, of Springfield, whence she went to Indiana to pursue a course in Earlham College, at Richmond, and she was subsequently a pupil at the university at Delaware. Her marriage with our subject is a congenial union, and they have established a home that is the centre of true culture and refinement, in which they dispense a delightful hospitality to their numerous friends. They have two children, Walter and Mary. The son is at home, while the daughter is attending school at St. Mary's Convent, at Columbus, Ohio.

JESSE TUMBLISON is a retired farmer, who has been a factor in the development of Madison County's agricultural interests, and is now quietly passing the declining years of a long and well spent life in his pleasant home on West High Street, London. A native of Ohio, his birthplace is nine miles south of Chillicothe, in Ross County, and he was born October 28, 1816. His parents, Jesse and Elizabeth (Soders) Tumblison, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Kentucky, were married in Ross County, and began their wedded life there amid pioneer surroundings. The father was a bricklayer, and he built up a prosperous business in Chillicothe as a contractor and builder, employing a good many men, and he was thus engaged throughout life.

Our subject is the only surviving member of the family. He lived in Ross County until nine years old, and then his mother removed to Pickaway County with her family, and he was there reared on a farm. He remained at home with his mother until he was twenty-one, attending the local schools in his boyhood, and at that age he went to work as a farm hand, continuing thus employed for some six years. At the expiration of

that time, he had gathered together enough to enable him to marry and make a home, and he was wedded to Miss Mary McKinney, of Pickaway County, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Lewis) McKinney. Her parents were also natives of Pickaway County, born there in the very earliest days of its settlement, and her father was numbered among its practical farmers until his death.

After marriage, Mr. Tumblison rented a farm in Pickaway County for several years, and then another for ten years. After that, he purchased one hundred acres of that same farm, which he operated a year and then he sold it. He next bought a farm of one hundred and sixty-seven acres, which he disposed of at a good price after living on it five years. Coming then to Madison County, he carried on agriculture on rented land the ensuing nine years. He then invested in a farm of one hundred and fifty-four acres in Union Township, which is still in his possession. It is provided with fine buildings, is highly cultivated, and is one of the best farms in the township. Our subject lived on it ten years, but as his wife died in 1886, he rented it, and has since made his home in London, the income that he enjoys being the fruit of his diligence and practical skill in agricultural pursuits. He is a man of high principles and unswerving rectitude in thought and act, and wherever he has lived has always been regarded as a very desirable citizen, one who could be depended upon to fill places of public trust with fidelity, and to act honorably in all the relations in which he stood toward others. He has held the offices of Supervisor and School Director, and in both capacities served the township well. In his younger days, he belonged to the old Whig party, but of late years he has been a Republican. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also his wife of sainted memory, who was well beloved for her many virtues.

Our subject has seven children: Frank, who married Ella Reed, and has five children: Charles, Merda, Harry, Blanche, John; Baxter E., who married Ann Hunter, and has three children: Ethel, Ada and Edna; Marcus, who married Liza Woodhouse, and has four children: Willie, Howard, Mary, and Thomas; Fletcher, who married Kate Weaver, and has two children: Bessie and Claude; Marinda, Mrs. Albert Botkin; Martha; Dema, who married Samuel Hunter, and died May 1, 1892, leaving two children: Charles and Florence.

THOMAS CARTMILL. It has been the privilege of Mr. Cartmill not only to watch much of the growth of Madison County, but to also materially aid in its advancement as a commercial center. He is possessed in a rare degree of those sterling qualities which mark him as a man of uprightness of character, while his unassuming kindness has won for him the esteem of his fellow-citizens. The political issues of the times are always interesting to him, and he gives his unswerving allegiance to the Republican party. For many years the proprietor of a large gristmill in West Jefferson, our subject is now living retired from active business, and makes his home in a comfortable residence with his only daughter and child.

The original of this sketch is the son of William and Isabel (Ferguson) Cartmill, the former of whom was born in Virginia in 1779. The parents came to Ohio in 1825, and made their home for a number of years in what is now Oak Run Township, Madison County. Later removing to Pike Township, they spent their last days in that locality, and were ranked among the pioneers who did much toward opening up this section of country.

The parental family of Mr. Cartmill included seven children, of whom he was the eldest, his birth occurring in Bath County, Ky., October 23, 1808. He accompanied his parents on their removal to this county in 1825, and grew to maturity in Oak Run Township. When ready to establish a home of his own, he was married in January, 1829, to Sarah Ann Postle, who was born in this county, April 23, 1815.

Mr. Cartmill continued to reside with his father in Oak Run Township until reaching his twenty-

fourth year, when he came to Jefferson Township and worked at the carpenter's trade for about fifteen years, and in 1849 came to West Jefferson. Six years later, he erected the flouring mills at this place, which he operated in a most profitable manner until 1881, since which time he has lived a retired life. He is the proprietor of an estate which includes three hundred acres, together with a nice residence in West Jefferson.

Our subject makes his home with his daughter, Emerica, widow of William P. Reddick, by whom she became the mother of three children, namely: Sarah, now Mrs. Marion Kimberlin; Catherine, the wife of A. Colvin and Jennie, Mrs. A. Karns. Mrs. Sarah A. Cartmill departed this life in Indiana, August 21, 1867.

Our subject is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and regarding other issues of the day, manifests the true public spirit which he manifests in the affairs of his neighborhood.

CHARLES A. FOSTER, M. D., President of the Board of Pension Examiners for Fayette County, and one of the oldest practitioners of Washington C. H., was born in Windham County, Vt., February 21, 1842. His parents, Charles and Lavina (Thompson) Foster, removed to Ross County, Ohio, in 1854, and there Charles A. completed his education at Kingston Academy. For ten years, he followed the profession of a teacher, for which his breadth of knowledge and unusual tact as a disciplinarian admirably qualified him.

While Superintendent of Schools at Cardington, Morrow County, our subject employed his leisure hours in reading medicine with Dr. Wetherby, a prominent physician of that village. Afterward, he entered the medical department of Columbia College, from which he was graduated in 1870, having acquired not only a good theoretical knowledge of therapeutics, but added to it an extensive practical experience in hospital work. At once, after completing his college course, he located in Circleville, this State, where he entered into partnership with Dr. Turney, a connection which continued until he came to Washington C. H., in the fall of 1872.

Immediately after establishing himself in this city, the Doctor entered upon a lucrative and extensive practice, which included a large number of patients in the city besides a wide range of country practice. His reputation is established as a successful physician, public-spirited citizen and honorable-minded man. The Fayette County Medical Society has called him to the Presidency of their Association, and he is likewise closely identified with the State Medical Society. May 10, 1892, the Doctor was elected to the Chair of Ophthalmoscopy in the medical department of the Ohio Medical University, at Columbus. Although he has never mingled in the political life of the county, he has the public welfare at heart and gives his influence and assistance to projects of material value to the community.

In his social connections, the Doctor is numbered among the active members of Fayette Lodge, Fayette Chapter, and Garfield Commandery. He is also identified with the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. His marriage, December 2, 1875, united him Miss Mary A., daughter of William Bauder, a retired citizen of Circleville. Mrs. Foster was there born in 1852 and was reared to womanhood in the parental home, which she left to enter that of her husband. Her amiable disposition and kindliness of heart win friends wherever she goes, and she is prominent in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she has been a member for many years.

Dr. Foster was appointed a member of the Board of Pension Examiners by President Hayes and served until the election of President Cleveland. He was re-appointed during the administration of Benjamin Harrison, and is now President of the Board. He has always made a specialty of Opthalmology and gives special attention to fitting glasses in a scientific manner, in which he has been remarkably successful.

The family of which our subject is a member consisted of the following children: Charles A., of this sketch; Alson, a resident of Pickaway County; Highland and George, who make their home in

Ross County; and Elizabeth, who lives in Ross County and is caring for her aged mother. The father of the family resided in Ross County until he died at a good old age, mourned by a large circle of friends and remembered with affection by his children, who owe to his influence and training much of their success in life.

CAPT. B. H. BOSTWICK, an attorney-at-law of Circleville, was born in Canfield, Mahoning County, Ohio, August 21, 1835, and comes of an old Connecticut family. His grandfather, Gersham Bostwick, was born in that State and afterward became a farmer of Vermont, where he spent fourteen years. Subsequently, he became a resident of Portage County, Ohio, where he remained until his death, at the age of sixty-eight.

Joseph R. Bostwick, father of the Captain, was born in New Milford, Conn., learned the trade of a carpenter and followed that pursuit some years. He married Ann Maria Hunt, who was born in Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County, Pa., and was a daughter of William Hunt, a native of Connecticut. He removed from Pennsylvania to Mahoning County, and his last years were spent in Ashtabula County, Ohio. Three years after their marriage, Mr. Bostwick removed with his family to Ashtabula County, where, in connection with his trade, he followed farming. He had served in the War of 1812, and was a Whig in politics. He helped raise the first log barn in Cleveland, Ohio, and was otherwise identified with the history of the State. He died at the home of our subject at the age of eighty-four years, and his wife passed away when seventy-nine years of age. They were highly respected people, and the lady was a member of the Christian Church. They had three children: Charles B., who served throughout the late war, and is now a broker of Omaha, Neb.; B. H., of this sketch; and Perry G., an attorney of Circleville.

Our subject was reared in Hart's Grove, Ohio, from his third year. At the age of seventeen, he began teaching, and in that way procured the money to pay his tuition in college. When twenty years of age, he entered the Western Reserve College at Hiram. In the fall of 1857, he engaged in teaching in Circleville, then returned to college. In 1858, he went West to Kansas and Iowa, spending about a year in travel. In 1859, he returned to Circleville, where he again taught school.

In 1861, on the first call for troops to crush out the rebellion, Mr. Bostwick joined Company D, Nineteenth Ohio Infantry, was mustered in at Camp Chase and sent to West Virginia. He was made Orderly Sergeant, and after serving three months was mustered out in Columbus, August 30, 1861. He then proceeded to assist Capt. John Brown, Jr., in raising a company, and was mustered in again at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., as First Lieutenant of Company K, Seventh Kansas Cavalry. He participated in many important battles, including the engagement on the Little Blue, the battles of Independence, Neosha, Corinth, Holly Springs, Oxford, Water Valley, Coffeyville, Salem, Tupelo, Ripley, Guntown, Buzzard's Roost, Pine Creek, Florence, Hamburg Landing, Savannah, Swallow Bluff, and many others. He was commissioned Captain of the company September 4, 1862, and his own bravery and daring inspired his men with courage and made them do their best. At Little Blue, he was shot in the head, and his horse was killed at the same time. At Corinth, his horse fell with him and four of his ribs were broken. At Wyatt, a horse was shot from under him and one at Sandy. The regiment in which Capt. Bostwick enlisted was known as the "Jayhawkers." Their motto was "Union and Laws," and their banner bore the words "Flag of the Free." He was mustered out at Ft. Leavenworth, September 29, 1865.

Immediately after the war, Capt. Bostwick returned home, and in 1866 came to Circleville. The same year he married Miss Hattie A., a daughter of Jeremiah Hall, and a native of Ross County. He then returned to Ashtabula County, where he engaged in farming one year, but his health was so badly impaired by his army life, that he had to abandon that work. He then began the study of law under Mr. Hall, his wife's father, and was admitted to the Bar in 1869. He at once began

practice, and the law firm of Hall & Bostwick was formed, the partnership continuing until 1885, when Mr. Hall removed to Lancaster, Ohio, where he now resides. Capt. Bostwick has won excellent success in his chosen profession. In the early part of his practice, he dealt considerably in real estate, but on account of his increased patronage, was forced to abandon that business. His skill and ability have won him an enviable position, and he is one of the best-read lawyers in Circleville.

The Captain and his wife have a pleasant home on the corner of Pickaway and Mound Streets. Their union has been blessed with four children: Ninnie B., who graduated from the Circleville High School, is now Mrs. J. C. Zinser, of Joliet, Ill.; Burr J., a graduate of the Circleville High School and the Cincinnati Law School, was admitted to the Ohio Bar, November 12, 1891; Mabel died at the age of two years and three months, and Linck C. is a student in the High School.

Capt. Bostwick is a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. He is also a prominent member of Groce Post No. 156, G. A.R., and was Trustee of the Memorial Hall building. In politics, he is a stalwart Republican, unflinching in support of the party principles. He served as a member of the State Central Committee, was Chairman of the County Central Committee, and has been Delegate to the county, congressional and State conventions. He was nominated as Prosecuting Attorney and as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, but as his party is in the minority, he failed of election. Capt. Bostwick may well be proud of his army record. He was a brave and faithful soldier and is a true and valued private citizen, highly esteemed throughout the community.

PAUL SOLT, late of Walnut Township, with whose agricultural interests he was closely identified for many years, until death removed him from the scenes of his usefulness, was a pioneer of Pickaway County, who was greatly respected by the people among whom he lived and labored for more than half a century. He was born in Pennsylvania, December 27, 1807, and was a son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Nagle) Solt, both of whom were of German extraction.

Our subject's educational advantages were comparatively limited, but he later in life made up for his early deficiencies in schooling by intelligent reading, and he was endowed with those sturdy mental characteristics that led him to prosperity. He also had his own fortune to make, as he had no means with which to begin life. When he was seventeen years old, he came to Ohio with his mother, his father having died in Pennsylvania, and for several years they lived in Fairfield County. Early in the '30s he came to Pickaway County to settle among its pioneer environments, and from that time until his death he was a valued citizen of Walnut Township.

With the active co-operation of his capable wife, our subject built up one of its most comfortable homes, and redeemed a farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres from the wilderness, improving it extensively, so that it compares favorably with the best in its vicinity in every respect. He lived a long and honorable life, and had passed his eighty-third milestone on the journey from the cradle to the grave, when, on that summer day, the 25th of June, 1891, he closed his eyes in the sleep that knows no waking, dying lamented not only by his wife and children, to whom he had been a loving husband and a tender father, but by the entire community, where he was known as a kind and obliging neighbor and steadfast friend. His honesty was proverbial, all who knew him placing perfect trust in his word, and his life was guided by true Christian principles, as he was a most worthy member of the Lutheran Church. Socially, he was a member of the Masonic order. Politically, he was a Democrat, and he was in favor of whatsoever would promote the growth of the county or advance its higher interests. He was Assessor of Walnut Township eleven years, and discharged the duties thus incumbent upon him with strict integrity.

Mrs. Solt, the wife of our subject, still resides on the home farm in Walnut Township, and in her declining years is enjoying the fruit of a life

spent in well-doing. She is a consistent Christian, as is shown by her everyday life, and in her the Lutheran Church has one of its most faithful members. Her maiden name was Rebecca Brown, and she was born August 27, 1819. She is a daughter of William and Rebecca Brown, who came to Walnut Township in the early days of its settlement, and founded a new home in the forests. The marriage of our subject and his wife, which took place June 9, 1835, and endured fifty-six years, was blessed to them by the birth of these nine children: Elizabeth; John R.; William; Sillanthia, wife of Henry Brown; Thomas; Eveline, wife of David Heist; Charles; Rufina, and Sarah A., deceased.

ENOCH F. COFFLAND. Both as a successful farmer and a prominent Democratic politician, this gentleman is well and favorably known, not only in Wayne Township, where he resides, but also in Pickaway County. A man of great energy and untiring industry, it was nothing unusual for him, when operating as a renter, to farm as much as three hundred and seventy-five acres in corn, and he is now the owner and manager of three hundred and thirty-five acres of splendid land, the soil of which is black sandy loam and exceedingly fertile.

Early in the '40s, John Coffland, father of our subject, removed from West Virginia, where he followed the trade of a miller, to Ohio, where he located in Monroe County, but subsequently removed to Morgan County. He operated a gristmill and also followed farming pursuits, being successful in both vocations. For a time he operated a farm in Hocking County, which he owned, and thence, about 1865, removed to Marshall County, Kan., where he resided upon a tract of land purchased after his location there. His death occurred in the Sunflower State in 1876, when he was sixty-eight years old.

A prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, John Coffland was Class-leader for many years and took an active part in religious services, which were often held in his house. He was also the incumbent of the office of Justice of the Peace, and served his fellow-citizens with efficiency in various positions of honor. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Fowler, belonged to one of the F. F. Vs., and died in Kansas in 1883, passing away in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she had long been an earnest member. Grandfather James Coffland was born in Germany, whence he crossed the Atlantic Ocean, and, settling in Virginia, followed agricultural pursuits until his death.

Three of the nine children comprising the parental family still survive, Mr. Coffland being the fourth in order of birth. He was born near Wheeling, W. Va., April 9, 1837, and gained a limited education in the schools of the early years of this century. When he was fourteen years of age, he started out to earn his living and secured employment on a farm at $13 per month. He continued in that way until he reached his majority, when he began farming for himself in Hocking County, Ohio, and two years later removed to Pickaway County, locating in Salt Creek Township, one mile from Leistville. Two years afterward, he removed to Jackson Township and there engaged in farming for twenty-two years, removing thence in 1885 to Wayne Township, where he still resides.

In 1858, Mr. Coffland was married to Miss Mary A. Hockman, of Hocking County, Ohio. Mrs. Coffland is the daughter of Noah and Catherine (Bucher) Hockman, natives of Virginia and Ohio, the mother now residing in Hocking County, the father having died in March, 1892. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Coffland, namely: Theodore, Elmira, Electa, Benjamin, Samuel, Daniel, Harry, Courtney, Franklin (deceased), Nelson and Ida. Samuel attended college at Lebanon, Ohio, and is now engaged in the grocery business at Tulare, Cal.

Although Mr. Coffland is a politician, he is by no means a partisan, and guards the honor of his chosen party as sacredly as his own. He has served as Delegate to county and State conventions; Trustee of Jackson Township for seven years; School Director for a number of years, and is greatly interested in educational matters. For three years he has served as Justice of the Peace, and is now

filling that responsible position to the satisfaction of all interested. He was elected Director of the County Infirmary in the fall of 1881, and served two terms of three years each. Mrs. Coffland is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is active in promoting its welfare.

In connection with farming, Mr. Coffland has always devoted considerable attention to stock-raising and each year makes shipments of cattle to the Eastern markets, often shipping as many as three car-loads. He has introduced an excellent system of drainage upon his farm and every modern improvement which reduces manual labor, making his farm one of the best in the community. The family residence is an attractive brick structure, whose cozy interior arrangement indicates refined tastes and domestic happiness. In his social connections, Mr. Coffland is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men, having held the various Chairs in both orders.

ROBERT S. WATERS ranks among the successful and progressive agriculturists of Madison Township, Fayette County. The acreage is all under cultivation, and even the passing stranger will note the orderly arrangement of substantial buildings and the evidences of thrift that pervade the entire tract.

Our subject is a native of Massachusetts, having been born January 7, 1829, in Berkshire County. He is a son of Levi and Lucinda (Twining) Waters, also natives of that State and county, the father being born April 9, 1796, and the mother November 9, 1798. Thomas Waters, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a patriot in the War of 1812, and died in the Bay State about 1836 or 1837.

The father of our subject was a farmer by occupation and remained in his native State until about 1862, when he moved to Copenhagen, Lewis County, N. Y., and there made his home until his decease, December 11, 1882. The mother departed this life in the above-named place January 1, 1886. They were the parents of six children, five of whom are living. Lyman is a farmer in Copenhagen; William also follows that occupation in Champaign County, Ill.; Joseph is a hardware merchant in Oakland, Coles County, Ill., having formerly been engaged in the grocery business in New York City; our subject is the next in order of birth; Nelson lives in Marshall County, Kan.

Robert S. Waters grew to manhood in his native State, and in addition to attending the common schools, took a course of study in a select school at Otis. When reaching his majority, he came West to Ross County, this State, and made his home in Chillicothe for three years. July 20, 1857, he was united in marriage with Miss Mariame Leach, of Madison Township, Fayette County, where she was born March 10, 1832. Mrs. Waters was the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Bostwick) Leach, her father being born in Virginia, November 2, 1803, and her mother in Vermont, July 21, 1805.

He of whom we write located in Cincinnati in 1853, where he made his home for ten years, being engaged in a wholesale jobbing house. In 1863, he settled upon his present estate, which then contained one hundred and thirty acres, but to which he has since added until he is the proprietor of a tract of five hundred acres. He has placed his farm under excellent cultivation and as an agriculturist he has been very successful, ranking among the worthy and representative citizens of this township.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Waters, one of whom died in infancy and one when seven years of age. Charles A. was born June 16, 1858, and died May 21, 1863; Byron B., born June 18, 1860, died February 14, 1862, Charles B., born June 7, 1863, was given a good education, and September 6, 1883, was married to Mattie Durham, and to them have been born two children; Frankie, born January 11, 1868, married John M. McCafferty, whose sketch will be found on another page in this work.

Although reared a Whig, our subject joined the ranks of the Democratic party when reaching his majority. He has represented his township as Clerk one year but has since refused all political

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honors, as he prefers to devote his time and attention to his private interests. With his wife, he is a member of the Grange, and by his honorable course in life has won the universal respect and esteem of all who know him.

MISS MARY M. KING. This well-known and highly-esteemed resident of Madison Township, Pickaway County, came to Ohio with her parents from her native home in Pennsylvania when only three years old, and when about seven years old they removed to Madison Township and located on the farm where she now resides.

The birthplace of Miss King is in Berks County, Pa., and she is a daughter of Henry and Barbara (Stump) King, who were also natives of Berks County. The family is of German descent, as the great-grandparents of our subject on both sides came from Germany. Her great-grandfather Stump is said to have engaged as a soldier in the Revolutionary War under Washington's command.

Henry King, the father of our subject, did not live long after coming to Ohio, as he died about a year and a half after his emigration. Some three years after his death, his widow and daughter removed to the farm where Miss King now lives, in Madison Township, thus becoming pioneers of section 35. They took a quarter-section of land, which was largely in timber, and endured great hardships and self-denial in their sturdy efforts for self-support and their endeavors to subdue the wilderness and derive a maintenance from their new farm.

A number of years after settling here, the widow was again married, becoming the wife of John Souser, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Pickaway County at an early day. He was an esteemed citizen and highly regarded on account of his upright character and intelligence. He was a consistent and earnest member of the German Reformed Church, and in his political views espoused the doctrines of the Democratic party. For some time, he served the community as School Director, but died in 1877. His wife, the mother of our subject, passed from earth May 12, 1892, mourned by all who knew her.

Miss King is an active and efficient member of the German Reformed Church, and her influence is always cast for good in the community, she being ever ready to help on every worthy cause. She owns about one hundred and forty-five acres of land, which she is cultivating in a thorough manner and from which she obtains excellent crops. She has a large circle of friends, whose attention is invited to her portrait.

JAMES G. BEATTY. The main features of our subject's life are those of many another, he having had but few opportunities as a boy. His educational advantages, though consisting of but a few months' schooling in each year and at such odd times as he could be spared from the duties of the farm, were improved as far as possible, and in later years, possessed of a strong individuality and perseverance, by reading and investigation so broadened and enlarged his earlier studies as to become an intelligent student of the topics of the day, as well as a wide-awake business man.

James Beatty, Sr., the father of our subject, was born in Virginia in 1793. He, in turn, was the son of Charles Beatty, who was also a native of the Old Dominion, where the family were among the F. F. V's, and of English descent. The latter-named gentleman died September 27, 1850, and the wife September 2, 1826. The father of our subject came to Ohio in 1818, and, locating a few miles southeast of Bloomingburgh, began life in the woods by erecting a cabin and clearing his land. He then returned to Virginia, brought his father's family to this section, and here made a permanent home, where they were among the earliest residents.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Margaret Gibson, a native of Virginia and a daughter of Robert Gibson, a prominent pioneer of this

State. She was born in 1800, and passed from this life July 28, 1828. To them were born six children, three of whom are living, and bearing the respective names of Isaac Newton, Charles M., and James G. The father of our subject was a soldier in the War of 1812, and also an officer in the State militia. After the death of Mrs. Margaret Beatty, he was married to Elizabeth Evans, by whom he became the father of three children, all of whom are deceased. Mr. Beatty died in January, 1878. He was an influential member of his community and served as Appraiser of the county. He was also Associate Judge of the county, and his wise and judicious decisions are known wherever he was known.

The original of this sketch was born May 25, 1828, on the home farm near Bloomingburgh, where he was reared to man's estate and attended the district school. He remained at home until attaining his majority, and in April, 1852, was married to Miss Airy House, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Winegardner) House, natives respectively of Virginia, and Fairfield County, this State. The parents were married in the latter-named county, and, settling in the woods, passed through all the privations and hardships which fall to the lot of the pioneer. Mrs. House died in 1831, and her worthy husband in 1850. They were the parents of six children, four of whom grew up and three are now living: Mrs. Jane Zimmerman, Mrs. Charity Plyley and Mrs. Beatty. The latter-named lady was born September 14, 1829, in this county. Soon after her marriage she located with her husband on the old homestead, which they operated until 1856. In February of that year, they settled upon their present farm, which comprises two hundred acres of valuable land, which the persistent industry and good management of our subject have placed under excellent cultivation.

To Mr. and Mrs. Beatty have been born one child, Talcott, who married Frostie Evans and resides in Greenfield; they are the parents of two children. Our subject and his estimable wife are members in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which denomination they have been identified since 1855, and in which body Mr. Beatty has been Steward, Class-leader and Trustee. He is also active in Sunday-school work, and has been Superintendent of the same. In school matters, he has served his district as Director. His son has been given a fine education, having attended college at Delaware, Ohio, also at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. In politics, Mr. Beatty is a believer in and supporter of the principles advocated by the Republican party.

GARDNER A. WILDER, M. D. This prominent physician and skillful surgeon is engaged in the practice of his profession at Circleville, and has probably met with greater success than any physician in the city. It is a remarkable and peculiar fact that any case which he may read about in medical history, its treatment and success, dwell in his memory in the form of a panorama passing before his eyes, while the language of the article and the work in which it appeared have been entirely forgotten.

A peculiar fact in the history of the Wilder family is that our subject's father, grandfather and great-grandfather are buried in the same graveyard, side by side. The great-grandfather was a farmer, and one of the earliest settlers of Buckland, Franklin County, Mass. He owned several hundred acres of land, upon which he built a frame house, 12x14 feet in dimensions, which is still standing. The grandfather, whose name was Gardner Wilder, occupied the same place and engaged in farming until his death, which occurred when he was about sixty-five. He was Captain in the State militia and a prominent citizen of Franklin County.

Hon. Gardner Wilder, father of our subject, was also born in Buckland, where he was reared and gained a good education in the common schools of the village. He and his brother became owners of the old homestead, which they divided. The father of our subject built a commodious house upon his half and cultivated the land, which was beautifully located in the Deerfield Valley. He was a man of influence in the community and rep-

resented his district in the State Legislature. His interest in educational matters was great, and while a member of the School Committee, he was the first to insist upon the public securing the services of some one to build fires in the schools, and inaugurated the plan by paying the first fee himself. A man of liberality and enterprise, prompt in attendance at the services of the Congregational Church, of which he was a member, a stanch advocate of the Union during the late war, and an old-line Whig in early days, he was universally mourned when he died in December, 1888, at the age of eighty-two years.

The mother of our subject was Fidelia, daughter of Joseph Griswold, who was born in Buckland, Mass. The first representatives of the Wilder and Griswold families came from England in 1638 and settled in the old Bay State. Grandfather Griswold was a carpenter by trade, and was Major in the State militia. Mrs. Fidelia Wilder died when scarcely forty years old, leaving five children who grew to mature years. Lorenzo is a bridge builder and contractor, and resides in Caldwell County, Tex.; Jane, Mrs. Davis, lives in the vicinity of the old home; Joseph enlisted during the Civil War, in the Fifty-second Massachusetts Infantry, and, contracting lung trouble while in the service, died in New Orleans; Mary, Mrs. Hawkes, resides in the East.

The subject of this notice was born in Buckland, Mass., March 23, 1837, and was reared to manhood upon the old homestead. He was fitted for college in select schools, and remained at home until he was nineteen. In the spring of 1856, he came West to Circleville, where he became clerk in a drug store and read medicine with Griswold & Ballard, the former gentleman being his uncle. He employed his leisure hours for seven years in reading medicine, and in 1863 entered Berkshire Medical College, where he graduated in the following year. Upon completing the course of lectures, he returned to Circleville and commenced to practice with Dr. Griswold, with whom he remained in partnership some three years. When Dr. Bowers entered the firm, Dr. Griswold retired, and the partnership has since continued for twenty-five years under the firm name of Wilder & Bowers. Our subject practices in every township of Pickaway County and in adjoining counties, and has had some very intricate cases, in which he has met with success.

In August, 1885, Dr. Wilder was appointed Postmaster at Circlèville and filled that position four years, during which time he advanced it from a third-class post-office, with sales amounting to $6,700 per year, to a second-class office, with $8,000 worth of sales. He has served at different times as member of the Board of Education, and was its President for six years. In 1862, he was married at Circleville to Miss Martha Wilkes, a lady of intelligence and amiability, who received her education in Circleville, and at the Ohio Female College, at College Hill, Ohio. Her father, Joseph Wilkes, was born in England, and emigrated thence to America when about nineteen years old.

Dr. and Mrs. Wilder are the parents of six children, namely: Joseph Gardner, who is in the drug business at Circleville; Wayne Griswold, who resides at home; William Ballard, who is in partnership with his brother as druggist; Fidelia, Arthur Lorenzo and Mary Emily, who are at home. The family residence on Mound Street is a commodious structure, erected by the Doctor, and the center of true hospitality. Politically, Dr. Wilder is a Democrat, and has served as a delegate to county and State conventions, and as Secretary of the County Central Committee.

WILLIAM M. TWAY, who occupies a high place among the representative farmers and stock-raisers of Range Township, Madison County, is residing upon his beautiful estate located one-half mile from Chenowith on the old Federal Road. He was born in Paint Township, Fayette County, August 10, 1848, and is the son of John and Elizabeth (McMillen) Tway.

The father of our subject was born in Madison County, while the mother was born in West Virginia, and came with her parents to Ohio when a child. The father started out in life a poor man, and at his death left an estate of six hundred broad

acres of land, which was the direct result of his industry and good judgment. He was born August 4, 1814, and cast his first Presidential vote in 1836 for William H. Harrison. He was opposed to slavery, and in 1856 voted for John C. Fremont, and during the War of the Rebellion was a firm supporter of the Union cause.

The parental family included the following children: Catherine married James Whiteside and died in Fayette County, leaving seven children; Allen served in the army from 1862 to 1863 and died during the siege of Vicksburg; Morgan departed this life in Fayette County in 1881; Mary E. became the wife of Ezekiel Whiteside and at her death left ten children; our subject was the next in order of birth; Margaret married William Durflinger and is the mother of three children; John W. makes his home in Fayette County, is married and has two children; David is a farmer in that county and has a family of two children, as has also James Austin, who is also an agriculturist in Fayette County.

William M. Tway was given a fair education in the schools of his day and remained under the parental roof until his marriage, October 17, 1877, at which time Miss Amanda R. Wilson, of Pleasant Township, Madison County, became his wife. She was born in Darby Township, Pickaway County, December 23, 1853, and was the daughter of William E. and Mary A. (Creath) Wilson, natives respectively of Virginia and Madison County, this State, the father being born April 23, 1829, and the mother February 11, 1834. Mr. Wilson was one of the prominent farmers in Madison County, and is a stalwart Republican who is always found at his post during campaigns. Mrs. Tway was the eldest in the family of five children; Milton H., the next in order of birth, died at the age of sixteen years; Mary J. and Ota M. reside at home, the latter having been a school teacher for some time; William F. died when twelve months old.

Mr. Tway was for many years Township Trustee and has represented his party as delegate to county conventions many times. He took an active part in raising men for the army during the war, and in this manner saved his township from the disgrace of being drafted. At the time of his marriage, our subject had $700 in money and owned several head of stock, which represented his earnings. He rented land from his father three or four years, and in 1880 moved to his present home, which he inherited from his parents. He has thoroughly drained the estate and added to the dwelling which now takes on the air of a more modern structure. The three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Tway are Edward M., born in 1879; John M. in 1881, and Vonna Lee in 1886. Our subject and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which body he is Trustee, and takes a leading part in Sunday-school work. In politics, he cast his first vote in 1872 for U. S. Grant, and since that time has voted the straight Republican ticket.

FRANCIS M. CHENOWETH, retired farmer and capitalist, has materially added to the wealth of Madison County by his skill as an agriculturist, by his enterprise in the stock business and by his sagacity as a financier. The home that he has built up in London, pleasantly situated on Elm Street and surrounded by well-kept grounds, is one of the finest in the county.

Mr. Chenoweth is a native of this county, born in 1833, on Deer Creek, in Fairfield Township. He is a son of the Hon. John F. and Margaret (Ferguson) Chenoweth, who were of Kentucky birth. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Elijah Chenoweth, and his wife, who was a Foster, were born in Kentucky, in the earliest days of its settlement, and they, too, became pioneers, crossing the Ohio into this State in 1796 and locating in Franklin County, near Harrisburgh, being among the first to settle in that county. There the grandfather lived, and died at a ripe old age, and left behind him a good name as a Christian gentleman.

The Hon. John F. Chenoweth was one of the foremost men of Madison County in his day, taking the lead in business and in public life. He was one of the extensive land-holders of this part of Ohio, owning over three thousand acres of realty, and he was a large stock-dealer, often in

early life driving cattle over the mountains to Pennsylvania markets. He was Justice of the Peace for thirty years or more, and in an early day was a Representative for his district in the State Legislature. He was known far and near and was held in high honor. The latter part of his life was spent in London. Of his fifteen children, only seven are now living, namely: Mrs. Rachael Bales, Jeremiah, Mrs. Isabel Warner, Lewis F., Mrs. Mary Warner, Elijah and our subject.

He of whom we write attended the local schools in his boyhood and was reared under wholesome home influences. He remained with his parents until he took upon himself the responsibilities of domestic life by marrying, in 1856, Miss Margaret, daughter of Mathew and Ann (Amos) Rea, who were natives, respectively, of Virginia and Maryland. They had come to this county with their parents, who were among its original settlers, and they were here married. They settled near London and Mr. Rea was one of the large farmers and stockmen, and one of the wealthy citizens of the county in his day. He was a Democrat and was prominent in local politics. He gave liberally of his means to support churches and all good causes. His worthy wife was a member of the Methodist Church. They had a family of seven children, of whom only two are living beside Mrs. Chenoweth, Jeremiah and Robert.

When he married, our subject settled on a farm of three hundred acres in Oak Run Township, to which he afterward added seventeen hundred acres, a part of which lay in Fairfield Township. He lived in the former township fifteen years and then spent fourteen years in the latter township, and in the meantime was engaged in the cattle business and in raising hogs with corn that grew on his land. He had several tenants, renting a good deal of his land, and he employed many hands by the month to look after his immense farming and stock interests. Six years ago, he left the farm and, coming to London, selected a few lots on Elm Street and built the handsome residence in which he now lives retired. He still superintends his property, and is connected with some of the leading interests in the city. He was one of the organizers of the Central Bank of London, and is one of the stockholders of that institution, and President of the Building and Loan Association. He has been a member of the Board of Education and has been an incumbent of various public positions, to which he brought the same business acumen, promptitude and habits of accuracy that have characterized the administration of his own affairs. His political views are in full accord with those promulgated by the Democratic party.

In his wife, our subject has one of earth's choicest blessings. She is a pure, noble-hearted woman, of serene and kindly bearing, and she understands ful well how to guide her household affairs so as to contribute to the well-being of all underneath her roof. Her husband and sons may well be proud of her. She and our subject are identified with every good work of the Presbyterian Church as among its most earnest members. Two of their eight children are living: Robert F. and Rea. Robert, who lives on and manages his father's farm, was educated at Kenyon College. He married Genevieve Kennedy and they have one son, Austin K. Rea lives at home with his parents and is a student at the London High School. The following are the six children of Mr. and Mrs. Chenoweth who have passed to the land of the immortals: Emma A., Ada, Annie E., Myrtle, Ella, and an infant unnamed.

THOMAS H. BALDWIN, who holds an honorable place among the farmers and stock-raisers of Fayette County, was born in Range Township, Madison County, on the farm, where he now lives, June 5, 1852. His farm, which consists of one hundred and fifty-two acres, the greater part of which is under the plow, shows signs of good management and intelligent improvement.

The parents of our subject were William and Mary Jane (Howsman) Baldwin, the former of whom was born February 12, 1817, in Madison Township, Fayette County, and the latter born March 6, 1825, in Range Township, Madison County. The father died September 11, 1887, and the mother, August 28, 1886. The grandfather of

our subject, William Baldwin, was a twin-brother of Jonah, who is mentioned in the sketch of J. M. Baldwin on another page in this volume.

Our subject's father grew to manhood in this settlement and March 26, 1846, was united in marriage with Miss Howsman. He was very energetic in prosecuting his affairs, as is shown by the fact that he inherited only eighteen acres of land, but at the time of his death was the owner of an estate comprising seven hundred acres. In politics, he was a Democrat but in nowise could be called an office-seeker.

The brothers and sisters of our subject were eleven in number and bore the respective names of Isaac, Sarah C., Nancy Margaret, William H., John R., Martha Jane, Elizabeth Arabella, George M., Enoch, Mary Frances and James Harrison. They were all given good educations, which fitted them to become useful citizens. As a citizen, our subject stands deservedly high in the esteem of all who know him and has been a strong advocate in whatever measures he deemed were calculated to advance the interests of his community.

JAMES PERRILL. Belonging to that class of emigrants whose industry and economy soon placed them in comfortable and responsible positions on coming into the new country, our subject has taken advantage of every circumstance that he could turn to his own account, and the consequence is that he is in a most comfortable financial position, and a farmer and stock-raiser who has accumulated a handsome competency in the pursuit of his calling in this State.

Hugh Perrill, the father of our subject, was a native of Virginia and a millwright by trade. His father was John Perrill, also a native of the Old Dominion and a soldier in the War of 1812. The family originally came from England and located in Virginia, where they were among the F. F. V.'s. The latter-named gentleman came to this State seventy years ago and made settlement in Highland County. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Margaret Colwell; she was born in Virginia, where she was married, and died in 1833. Her husband departed this life in 1848, being the father of six children, two of whom are deceased. Those living are Nathan, who makes his home in Indiana; our subject; John, who resides in Jasper Township, and Mary (Mrs. Joseph P. Brown), who lives in Ross County.

The original of this sketch was born March 4, 1821, at Winchester, Va., being brought when an infant by his parents to the Buckeye State. He received a good education in the log schoolhouse in Highland County, and was thrown upon his own resources when quite young, working out on a farm in Ross County for $7 per month. He then engaged in the cattle business, driving the animals to market in New York City, Philadelphia, Boston and other large cities, making three trips each season and being thus employed for ten years. He was very economical and industrious, and with the $2,000 which he had saved, bought a drove of cattle for himself, drove them to New York City and cleared on them $1,600. He was similarly engaged for ~~five years~~, when, in 1845, he purchased wild land in Fayette County, upon which he removed in 1850.

James Perrill was married November 4, 1855, to Miss Ann Nichols, a native of Ross County, this State, by whom he became the father of two children, now deceased. Mrs. Perrill departed this life in 1860, and September 3, 1862, our subject was married to Miss Rebecca, daughter of Abraham and Jemima (Blackstone) Chenoweth, natives respectively of Pike and Ross Counties. Her father was the son of Abraham Chenoweth, Sr., a native of Virginia and of English descent. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and was a very prominent man in Pike County, this State. Mr. and Mrs. Chenoweth were married in Ross County and later removing to Pike County, located on the old homestead, where the father passed his last days, dying in May, 1878. Mrs. Chenoweth still survives and is in her seventy-seventh year. To them were born a large family of thirteen children, ten of whom are living. Mrs. Perrill was born October 30, 1840, in Pike County, and was given a good education in the schools of that period.

To our subject and his estimable wife have been

granted a family of seven children, only one of whom is deceased. Jennie B. married J. D. Shoop and resides in Illinois; Mary M. was the second child; James T. married Mary N. Henkle and makes his home in Fayette County. The remaining children are John W., Carrie E. and Gilbert H. They have all been given excellent educations and Miss Mary is very expert with embroidery work.

Mr. Perrill removed to his present beautiful farm in 1872, where he is the proud possessor of a tract of fourteen hundred acres, all of which is under cultivation. He has placed good and substantial buildings on his estate, not the least among which is the farm residence, a neat and commodious structure and which is presided over by his excellent wife, to whom he owes much of his present high standing in the agricultural community. She is economical and judicious in the expenditure of money and is noted throughout this section as an excellent housewife and caretaker.

He of whom we write has always been greatly interested in educational affairs and has served efficiently as a member of the Board for a number of terms. In politics, he is a strong Republican and during the Civil War was one the "Squirrel Hunters." He feeds every season about one hundred and fifty head of cattle, being one of the largest stock-dealers in this section. Mr. Perrill can be justly proud of his vast possessions, as he started out in life empty-handed, and his good judgment and progressive spirit have resulted in the accumulation of his vast possessions. We are pleased to be able to place his sketch in the hands of our numerous readers as an example of a self-made man.

ELIJAH BRAGG, an enterprising and progressive citizen of Pleasant Township, Madison County, who is engaged in general farming and stock-raising, claims Ross County, Ohio, as the place of his nativity. He was born in Buckskin Township, June 18, 1810, and is a son of William and Judith (Lightfoot) Bragg. His father was born in Virginia, about 1754, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was twice married. By his first union he had six children, and our subject was the eighth in a family of nine. His mother died in 1844.

Mr. Bragg of this sketch grew to manhood in the county of his nativity. His father died August 27, 1831, and he made his home with his mother for about three years afterward. He began to work for himself at fifty cents per day, and was also employed by the month at $9. He was engaged in digging the canal from Portsmouth to Cleveland, and worked on it after it was completed. He was married in November, 1835, to Miss Melinda Emmons, and unto them were born seven sons and four daughters, who are yet living, with one exception. They made their first home in Chillicothe, where they remained until 1843, when Mr. Bragg settled upon a farm belonging to Gen. Worthington. He was to superintend the building of some barns and other buildings. In 1849, he formed a partnership with the General in farming and stock-raising, and at the end of two years a sale was made. Having made some money, Mr. Bragg purchased two hundred acres of land of a sister of the General, and from time to time has added to this until his landed possessions now aggregate six hundred acres, and he is the owner of one of the fine farms of the community.

Mrs. Bragg died March 5, 1862. Mr. Bragg was again married, March 17, 1864, to Miss Letitia Howsman, who was born in Range Township, April 4, 1838, and is a daughter of John B. and Mary (Foster) Howsman. For a number of years she made her home with her uncle, Benjamin Harrison. Of the sons of the first marriage, Alexander enlisted in Company G, One Hundredth Ohio Infantry. He was in the hospital at Franklin, Tenn., for some time, and in 1863 his father went for him, but he died soon after being brought home. By the second marriage, three children have been born, two yet living. The daughter, Lizzie F., who was born March 19, 1867, was married January 13, 1892, to Thomas F. Slettery, who was born April 16, 1867; and Maggie L., who married J. M. Edwards, November 5, 1890, and resides in Mt. Sterling.

Mr. Bragg cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson in 1828, when only a boy. He has since been a supporter of Democratic principles, and has filled various offices of honor and trust, having served as Road Supervisor and School Director for over thirty years, and has been Township Trustee for seven years. His long-continued service well indicates his faithfulness to duty, and the confidence in which he is held. He has also served as a delegate to the various county conventions. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, with which he has been connected since 1861.

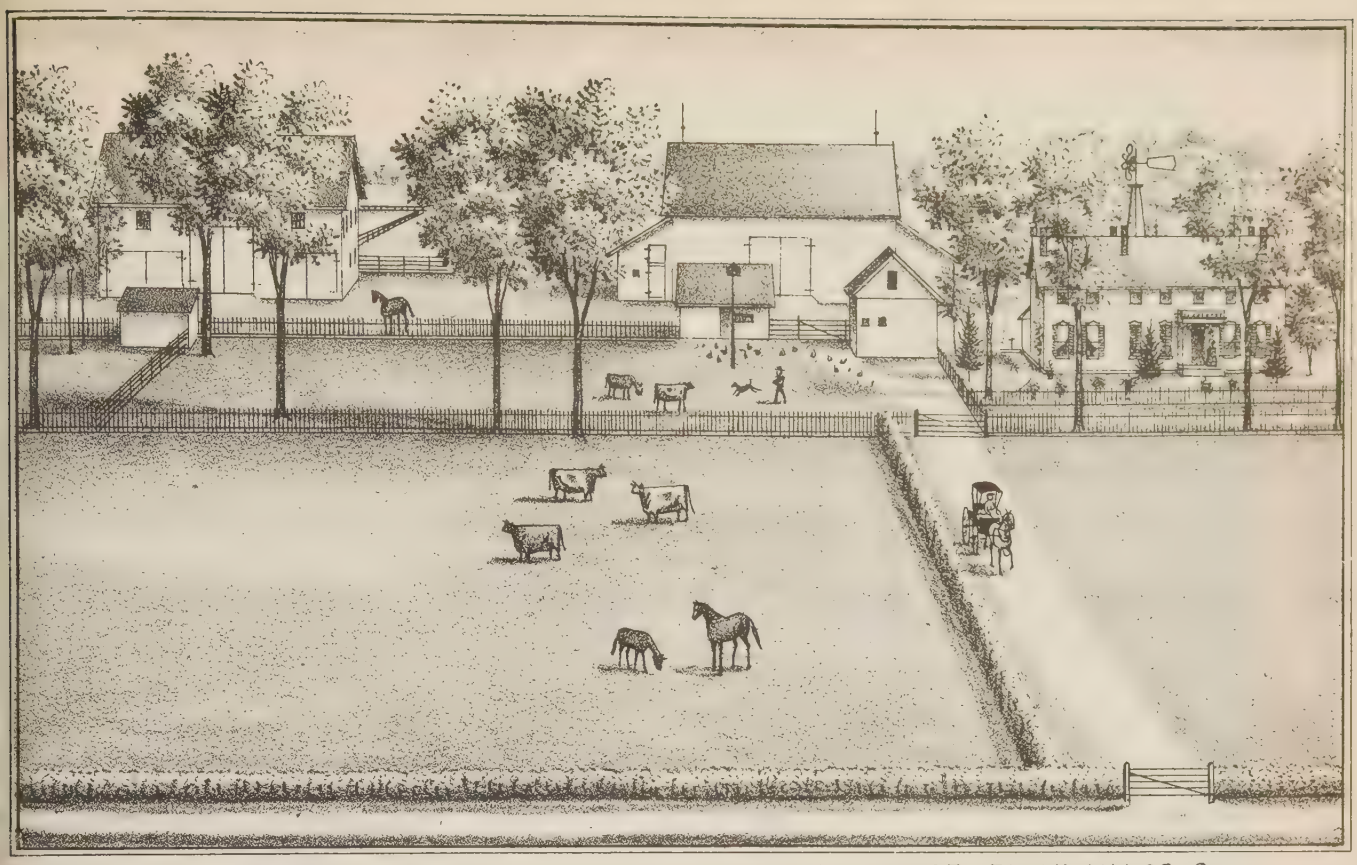
PHILIP GLICK. This gentleman, who ranks among the prominent and successful agriculturists of Pickaway County, is at present residing on a valuable estate situated on section 8, Circleville Township, where he is cultivating the soil in a most profitable manner. He was born in Amanda Township, Fairfield County, this State, June 5, 1819, and is the son of Henry Glick, a native of Pennsylvania.

The grandfather of our subject was a native of Germany, emigrating to this country in an early day and making his home in the Keystone State. He there followed his trade of a blacksmith, in connection with which occupation he farmed to some extent. On removing to Ohio, he purchased land in Fairfield County, paying for his farm $8 per acre. He died when on the return trip to Pennsylvania. His large family of eighteen children subsequently came to the above-named county where they resided for a number of years.

Henry Glick, the father of our subject, was a young man when the family came to this State, and, having acquired a good education, taught school in his early life. He later followed agricultural pursuits, and died in 1872, in the seventy-fourth year of his age. He was very prominent in township affairs, and held the responsible position of Justice of the Peace for several years. He was well informed upon all events of interest, and was a man whose advice was much sought after. In religious matters, he was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Sarah Peters. She was born in Pennsylvania, and was the daughter of Abram Peters, also a native of the Keystone State, and of German descent. He of whom we write has often heard his maternal grandmother tell of seeing Gen. Washington ride through the country during the trying times of the Revolutionary War. Grandfather Peters emigrated to Fairfield County, this State, in an early day, where he prosecuted his trade of blacksmith, his family conducting the farm. Mrs. Sarah Glick died in February, 1889, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Like her worthy husband, she was a member of the Lutheran Church.

The parental family included sixteen children, twelve of whom, eight sons and four daughters, grew to mature years. Philip was the eldest of the family, and received limited advantages as regards schooling, his privileges being limited to two or three months in the year. The house of learning in that early day was not supplied with all the conveniences and comforts which are afforded the youth of to-day, for the seats were made of slabs and the floor of puncheon. He remained on the homestead, aiding his father in its cultivation, until reaching his eighteenth year, when he went to Circleville to learn the trade of a brewer, having clerked in a store in Royalton during the previous winter months. In 1838, he rented the brewery from his former employer and carried on business for himself. In 1843, he erected a building suitable for his line of work on the banks of Hargus Creek, in the northern limits of Circleville, and there was engaged in business until 1868. In the fall of that year, he removed to his present home in Circleville Township, which he had purchased many years previous and which he has improved by the erection thereon of a fine brick residence. Elsewhere in this volume is shown a view of his homestead.

September 13, 1842, Miss Nancy Hoover became the wife of our subject. She is a native of this county, having been born in that part of Madison Township which is now included in Walnut Township, January 8, 1822. Mrs. Glick is the daughter of Jacob and Ann M. (Rollman) Hoover, natives of



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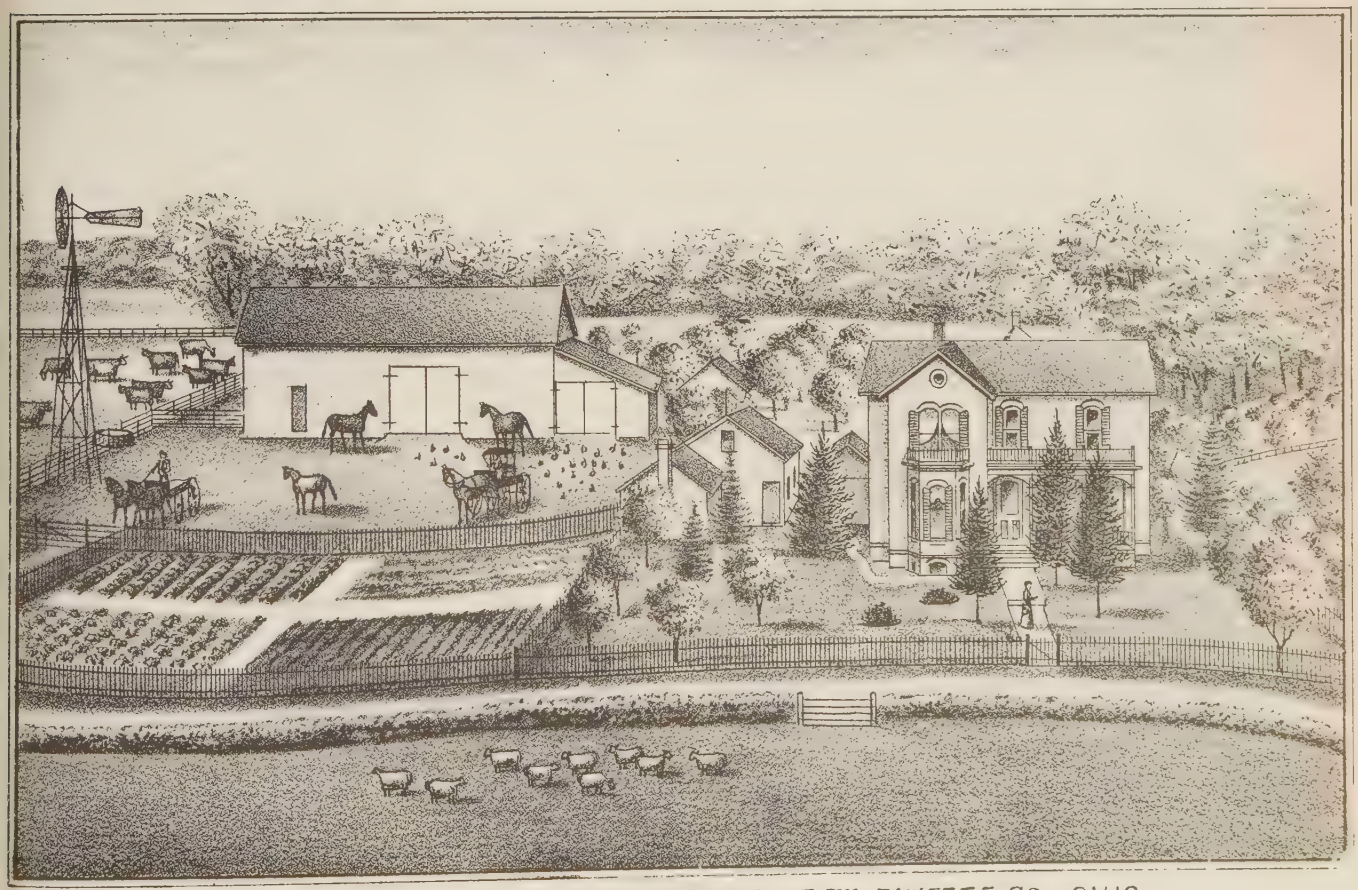

RESIDENCE OF CHARLES SOLLARS, WAYNE TP., FAYETTE CO., OHIO.

Virginia, who emigrated to Pickaway County in an early day, where they were among the pioneers of Madison Township. Mr. Hoover died in 1825, and the mother in 1862, when eighty-three years of age. The father was a patriot in the War of 1812, and was a gentleman greatly esteemed in his community. Mrs. Glick was the youngest in the parental family of ten children, seven daughters and three sons. Only three of the daughters are living at the present time.

Of the five children born to our subject and his estimable wife, Caleb married Anna Fisher, and is farming in Washington Township, Pickaway County. He served three years in the late war. Joshua married Mary Crist, and is also engaged as an agriculturist, his place of residence being in Walnut Township, this county. Jacob married Mary Westenhaver, and cultivates his father's farm as well as the farm adjoining. The remaining two children, Joseph, and one unnamed, died in infancy.

Formerly a Whig, Mr. Glick now casts his vote in favor of Republican candidates and principles. Socially, he is an Odd Fellow, with which order he has been connected for many years. In religious matters, he is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which body he has been Deacon. His landed estate comprises one hundred and eighty-two and one-half acres of valuable property in the home farm, ninety-two acres in Walnut, and two hundred acres in Washington Township. Mr. Glick began in life for himself empty-handed, and his persistent industry has been rewarded, for his farm ranks among the finest in Circleville Township. He is a gentleman whose word is considered as good as his bond, and his friends are as numerous as his acquaintances.

CHARLES SOLLARS is connected with the rich agricultural interests of his native county, Fayette, as the fortunate proprietor of a well-appointed and highly productive farm in Wayne Township. He was born January 9, 1857, and is a representative of the early pioneer stock of the county. His father, Allen Sollars, was also a native of Fayette County, his birth occurring in 1814. His education was limited to the schooling that he obtained in the primitive pioneer schools of his day, and his boyhood was passed in clearing away the forest on his father's farm, which was his home from birth to death.

Allen Sollars began life on his own account by taking charge of the old homestead after his father's death, and previous to his marriage, at the age of thirty-five, he purchased it of the other heirs, and enjoyed uninterrupted prosperity in tilling the soil and raising stock until his untimely demise in 1868, ere old age came upon him. He was a Whig in his younger days, and later in life the Republican party found in him a sturdy supporter. His wife, Sarah J., daughter of Anslum and Abigail (Jackson) Ballard, survived him until 1885, when she too passed away. They were people whose many excellent traits of head and heart won them the regard of the entire community of which they were members for so many years. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Elizabeth, wife of Henry Eustler; Charles; Emma L., wife of J. C. Schrock; and two who died in infancy.

Upon the old homestead where he was born, Charles Sollars remained with his mother until he was twenty-seven years old. At that age, he married and established a home of his own, taking as his wife Emma E., daughter of Franklin C. and Sarah A. (Bush) Finch. She belongs to one of the oldest families of Fayette County, and her father was born on the same farm where he died. He was a son of John and Elizabeth (Brackney) Finch, natives of Kentucky, who came to Fayette County in 1790. Elizabeth Finch was a daughter of Benjamin Brackney, a Kentucky frontiersman. Sarah A. Finch was a daughter of William and Nancy Bush. Our subject's wife is one of eleven children, of whom the following beside herself grew to maturity: Laura A., wife of J. B. McConnell; Eliza; Mary; Nancy; Sadie (Mrs. A. W. Junk); John, and Reece. Mr. and Mrs. Sollars are the parents of two children, Hazel and Hugh.

Our subject is a live and wide-awake farmer, well grounded in all that pertains to his calling,

and attends strictly to his business as a tiller of the soil and stock-raiser. He has a one hundred and ninety acre farm, amply supplied with modern improvements in the shape of a handsome brick residence, roomy barns, and neatly-built outhouses for various purposes, and is well fenced and drained. On another page is shown a view of this place. Mr. Sollars stands well financially, and is popular socially as one of the leading members of Greenfield Lodge No. 318, A. F. and A. M., and Garfield Commandery No. 28, K. T., at Washington. Politically, he is a Republican, and has represented his township as Assessor.

GEORGE T. ROW, a talented and successful physician of Circleville, has gained an assured position among the best representatives of the medical profession in Ohio. He is a close student, devoting the few leisure hours allowed him by the demands of his large practice to the study of the best medical and scientific authorities, and taking advantage of any new discoveries that will in any way aid him in his work. At the commencement of his professional career, he placed his standard of success so high that he was not content with mediocrity, but aspired to a broad knowledge of medical investigations and research.

The family to which our subject belongs has resided in Circleville for many years, and was first represented in Pickaway County by Grandfather Peter Row, who was a very early settler of Washington Township, and there improved a farm from a tract of wild land. The father of our subject, Samuel Row, was born in Pickaway County in 1811, and during his entire active life followed farming pursuits in Washington Township. He is now retired from the arduous labors which formerly engaged his attention, and, at a venerable age, is making his home in Circleville, where he is highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens. Politically, he is a Democrat. His religious affiliations are with the Lutheran Church.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Hannah Taylor, and was born in Circleville during the opening years of this century. Her father, William C. Taylor, was a direct descendant of William Cromwell, and thus traced his lineage to one of England's oldest and most famous families. Mrs. Hannah Row attained to the age of three-score and ten when she closed her eyes to the scenes of earth, leaving to mourn her loss a devoted husband and eight of the ten children born of her marriage. One of her sons, Reuben by name, now a resident of Kansas, enlisted in 1862 in defense of the Union, and served until the close of the war, being breveted First Lieutenant in recognition of his valor.

Born in Circleville, June 13, 1846, our subject was reared on the home farm in Washington Township, receiving a common-school education and gaining a practical knowledge of agriculture. After studying for some years in the neighboring log schoolhouse, he attended the Circleville High School until he had almost completed the course of study there. He remained in the parental home until he was twenty-five years old, when, in 1871, he removed to Seymour, Jackson County, Ind., and there operated a farm for three years.

Having resolved to enter the medical profession, our subject came to Circleville, where he began the study of medicine under Dr. Samuel Turney. In 1875, he entered the Medical College of Ohio, at Cincinnati, attending two terms and graduating at the University of Maryland in 1877. Thus admirably equipped with a thorough theoretical knowledge of the profession, the young Doctor opened an office with Dr. Thompson for active practice. Three years afterward, the connection was dissolved, since which time Dr. Row has been alone. His practice is not limited to Circleville, but extends into the neighboring counties of Fairfield, Ross, Hocking, Franklin, Madison and Fayette. He is a member of the Pickaway County Medical Association and the Ohio State Medical Society. During the administration of President Cleveland, he was Pension Examiner for this district, which embraced five counties, and he is now examiner for various insurance organizations.

Socially, the Doctor is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Order of

Elks. Although not a partisan, he is a firm supporter of Democratic principles and candidates, and conscientiously upholds the party platform. In religion, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Not a little of his success may be attributed to his wife, whose affectionate assistance and cheerful counsel are constantly exerted in his behalf. Prior to 1878, the year of her marriage, she was known as Hannah Dishong, and her birthplace is in Perry County, this State. She is the mother of two bright daughters, Minnie and Jennette, who are being carefully trained in the schools of Circleville, as well as beneath the shelter of the parental home.

JOHN SCHLEYER, A. B., A. M., Prosecuting Attorney of Pickaway County, who is successfully engaged in the practice of law in Circleville, is a native of the Buckeye State. He was born in Chillicothe, Ross County, December 16, 1851, and is a son of John F. Schleyer, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. The father was born near Stuttgart, Germany, and after his death, his wife married a Mr. Schleyer, whose name the children took. She brought her family to America when John was only eight years of age, and settled near Cleveland, Ohio, whence she removed to Ross County. The father of our subject had to make his own way in the world. He sawed wood until sixteen years of age, and then became a molder. He afterward invested his earnings in a confectionery store, but failed in this line and later located in Huntington Township. He wedded Margarette Schneider, and after some years spent in that locality, came to Circleville in 1862. Since that time, he has been a coal and wood dealer of this city. In the family were six children, five of whom grew to mature years. The eldest, William, served as a private during the late war, and is now engaged in the real-estate business in Columbus.

Our subject was the third in order of birth. The first six years of his life were spent in his native State, after which he went to Huntington with his parents, and with the family came to Circleville in 1862. His education has been acquired in the common schools and in the High School of this city, and he studied pharmacy under William W. Ballard, continuing in his drug store for six years and two months. He then accepted a position in Cambridge City, Ind., and afterward spent a year and a half in the drug business in Ft. Wayne, Ind. In 1875, he entered the University of Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1879, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, after which he continued his studies in the theological department of the same school for a year and a half. During the second year, he had to fill temporary engagements as a minister, and preached both in German and English.

Subsequent to this time, Mr. Schleyer determined to make the practice of law his life work, and to this end began studying with the firm of Smith & Morris, with whom he remained two years, being admitted to the Ohio Bar on the 2d of January, 1883. He then continued with his preceptors for seven months, after which he opened an office and engaged in practice alone until February, 1891, when the firm of Schleyer & Abernethy was formed. They have a pleasant office in the Masonic Temple building. In 1886, our subject was elected City Solicitor on the Democratic ticket, was re-elected in 1888, and in the autumn of 1890, was elected Prosecuting Attorney, which position he still holds. Mr. Schleyer possesses much natural ability as a lawyer, and this has been supplemented by thorough preparation, so that he has steadily worked his way upward, and has already won an enviable reputation at the Bar. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and is Secretary of the Association.

HON. JOHN GROCE is one of the most honored and highly-respected citizens of Circleville. He is now President of the Third National Bank and senior member of the firm of John Groce & Son, pork packers of this city. He was born in this city when it was a mere hamlet, January 29, 1818. His grandfather, Charles

Groce, was a native of Maryland, of German descent and followed farming in Frederick County, that State. The father, John Groce, was born in Frederick County, and learned the carpenter's trade. About 1805, he emigrated Westward and located in Pickaway County. He there worked until 1810, when the city of Circleville was platted. Mr. Groce then returned to his native State and married Elizabeth Jacobs, a native of Loudoun County, Va., after which he returned to Ohio and located in the new city. He built many of the first buildings of the city and was engaged as a contractor until his death, which occurred in 1834, at the age of fifty-five years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was a prominent pioneer of this locality. The death of his wife occurred in 1824.

John was the fourth in the parental family of six children. He has only one sister now living, Mrs. Lydia Atwater, of Circleville. Mr. Groce attended the subscription schools until the academy was built in Circleville, of which his father was one of the principal owners. He was left an orphan at the age of sixteen years, and thus thrown upon his own resources, he sought the counsel of his father's intimate friend, Matthew McCrea, who advised him to learn a trade, so he served a four-years' apprenticeship to John A. Wolfley, a saddler. He afterward worked as a journeyman, and on the 13th of June, 1839, commenced business for himself at Kingston, Ohio, with a capital of $85. For nine years, he engaged in trade in that line, when he determined to give his attention to other business.

In August, 1848, our subject came to Circleville. He at once began dealing in grain and pork with R. D. Atwater, and in the summer of 1852, went into partnership with Mr. Atwater in the dry-goods business. In the fall of 1852, Mr. Groce went to Milton, Ind., to pack pork, while Mr. Atwater attended to the business in Circleville. In the winter of 1852–53, Mr. Atwater died and Mr. Groce purchased the Atwater interest and took Jacob Helman in as partner, without capital. In the fall of 1853, Mr. Groce again took up the pork trade and this time his venture proved profitable. In 1860, he exchanged his interest in the dry-goods store for the Olds block of buildings and has since carried on the pork trade with good success.

On the 12th of November, 1872, Mr. Groce admitted to partnership his only son, Charles E., and the firm name of Groce & Son was assumed. In 1870, he built the present brick block at the foot of High Street. There is a main building, 40x130 feet, and wing 40x90 feet, with engine and boiler room, killing room, packing room, curing and smoking rooms and all the modern improvements for carrying on a successful business in that line. This has become one of the leading industries of the city and has made Mr. Groce a wealthy man.

On the 19th of December, 1839, in Kingston, Ohio, Mr. Groce wedded Elizabeth E. Graham, who was born two miles west of Kingston, September 25, 1820, and is a daughter of Robert J. Graham, a native of Virginia, who followed farming in Ross County. Five children were born unto them, four of whom grew to mature years: Mary E., wife of B. Foresman, of La Fayette, Ind.; Ellen G., wife of F. M. Schuze, a wholesale grocer of Circleville; Jennie, wife of L. Boggs, of Pickaway Township, Pickaway County, and Charles E., an enterprising business man, associated with his father.

Mr. Groce has been prominently identified with the city interests for many years. He was one of the organizers of the city and served several times as Alderman. He was instrumental in securing the Scioto Valley Railroad through this place and was a stockholder and Director. He took an active part in securing subscriptions for the purchasing of the beautiful grounds for Forest Cemetery and has been one of its Directors since its organization in 1858, and is now President of the association. He owned an interest with his brothers and sisters in the Franklin and Groce Addition to Circleville, and has other real estate in the city, including his magnificent home.

Mr. Groce cast his first Presidential vote for William Henry Harrison. He joined the Republican party on its organization and was Chairman of the County Central Committee for many years. He served as a delegate to the National Convention in 1876, when R. B. Hayes was nominated, and again in 1880, when Gen. Garfield became the Presidential candidate. During the war, he was

Chairman of the Relief Committee. Mr. Groce is truly a self-made man. He started out in life empty-handed, but has made the most of his opportunities and has worked his way upward to success. He is now known throughout the country. His honesty is proverbial and he is highly respected by all with whom he has come in contact. In 1889, himself and wife celebrated their golden wedding. Not one who witnessed their nuptials fifty years before was then living. Their lives have been happy and prosperous and none are more worthy of representation in this volume than this worthy couple.

MRS. ANN (HILL) MONTGOMERY, a resident of Jackson Township, where she has a well-conducted and a well-appointed farm, is of the old pioneer stock of the county of Pickaway, and is a worthy representative of the daughters of its early settlers. She was born in Muhlenberg Township, one mile east of Darbyville, October 12, 1826. Her father, Francis E. Hill, was a native of Virginia, born in Hampshire County in 1797, and he was a son of Leroy Hill, who is supposed to have been of Scottish birth. The latter owned land in Virginia, which he sold in 1815, in order to begin life anew in the primeval wilderness of Ohio. He journeyed thither with wagons, accompanied by his family, making but slow progress over the mountains and through interminable forests until he at last arrived at his destination, and made a purchase of about a thousand acres of land in this and Clark County. He made his home across Darby Creek from this township, and at once entered upon the pioneer task of developing a farm, the one now owned by J. B. Wright and others. He was one of the first to settle in this region, and he built a double log cabin at the foot of the hill, which was the first erected in this vicinity. In 1824, he erected a house on the top of the hill, and here he dwelt until his death, October 1, 1837. He was a stanch member of the Baptist Church, and in his political relations, was a true Whig.

The father of our subject came to this county in the vigor of early manhood, well fitted for the pioneer life before him both by constitution and temperament, and by reason of a natural capacity for laboring wisely and well. He took unto himself a wife the year after the family came here, and with her ready assistance acquired a goodly amount of property, being worth $20,000 at the time of his demise. He erected one of the first saw and grist mills on Darby Creek, and did a great deal of custom work in early days, besides engaging extensively in farming. The year before he died, he erected a four-story custom mill for the manufacture of flour. He attended closely to his business, and was growing richer every day, when death closed his career in 1837, while he was yet in the prime of life, and his community lost one of its most useful and highly respected citizens. He was of a quiet, peace-loving disposition, always glad to oblige anyone in every way possible, and he was a right royal neighbor and a friend as true as steel. His political views found expression in the platform of the Whig party.

The mother of our subject was Nancy, daughter of William Florence, who is distinguished in the history of the early settlement of this county as one of the first to locate within its borders. He came here in 1806, and took up his abode on the banks of Darby Creek, in Muhlenberg Township, and at one time he owned fifteen hundred acres of land. He bore an active part in the development of the agricultural interests of the county as a farmer and stock-raiser. At his death, in March, 1870, at the venerable age of ninety-seven years, one of our earliest pioneers passed to his long rest. The mother of our subject was born in 1799, and was a child of seven years when the family removed to this county. Her education was conducted in the typical pioneer log schoolhouse of the early years of the settlement of the State, that was heated by means of a large open fireplace and furnished with slab benches, that were supported by wooden pins. The rate-bill system of schooling was then in vogue, as there were no free schools. She was carefully trained to be a good housekeeper, and was well fitted to preside over a home of her own when she was married

in 1816. She became the mother of ten children, of whom seven grew to maturity, namely: Robison, Sarah, William, Matilda, Ann, Catherine and Mary. The good mother died at the age of seventy-two years. She had led a true Christian life, and for forty years was an active member of the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Montgomery was given excellent educational advantages in the district school and in a school at Darbyville, and her home life was well calculated to make her a good wife when she left the home of her girlhood to preside over one of her own, her marriage to Joseph Wardell taking place August 16, 1866. Mr. Wardell died September 6, 1869, and she was married January 15, 1873, to David Montgomery, who was a native of New York, born in that State in the year 1818. After coming to this State, he settled in Chillicothe, following the dry-goods business a few years, when he removed to Circleville, and later to the farm where Mrs. Montgomery now lives.

Our subject bought her present farm in 1877, and located on it at that time. She has twice since returned to Circleville to live, but finally sold her city property and has settled permanently on her farm, having here a very pleasant home. She owns two hundred and fourteen acres of land, which is nearly all well improved, and a part of it she farms herself, while she rents the remainder. In 1877 she built a commodious frame residence, and has other substantial buildings, and under her thrifty and able management the farm is in a fine condition.

GEORGE W. BAUDER is one of the most prominent business men of Circleville. He is President of the Board of Trade, a member and Secretary of the Board of City Control, and one of the most extensive dealers in carriages and buggies and agricultural implements in the county. His energy and enterprise have made his life a success, and the manufacturing interests of Circleville would be much inferior to what they are to-day had it not been for our subject.

Mr. Bauder was born in Circleville, on the 22d of May, 1850, and is a son of William Bauder, one of the honored early settlers of this place, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. When a lad of about thirteen, he raised and drilled a company of some sixty Republican boys, he acting as captain. Young George wrote the Governor that he was ready to go South (for the war was then in progress), and be mustered into service. The Governor replied, complimenting him for his bravery, but said that he could not accept the company on account of their youth.

Mr. Bauder graduated from the High School at the age of fifteen, and began serving an apprenticeship in his father's shop, learning the trade of carriage-making. In 1871, he went to Rochester, N. Y., where he finished his trade with the firm of Cunningham & Son. The following year, he returned, and in January, 1874, was admitted to partnership with his father, under the firm name of William Bauder & Son, and continued in the manufacture of carriages for seven years. In January, 1884, our subject bought out his father, and became sole proprietor of the extensive and lucrative business. Since that time, he has also become a dealer in agricultural implements, keeping on hand a large stock of everything in that line, from hand-seeders to steam-threshers. He has a large assortment of buggies, and makes a specialty of those manufactured by the Columbia Buggy Company. He also engages in the harness business, and, as in the others, has the largest stock in the city. His goods occupy two stories and a basement in a large building, 70x150 feet, and his warehouse, on the Scioto Valley Railroad, is 40x72 feet, and two stories in height. He employs two or three men all the time as commercial travelers.

Not these enterprises alone engross the attention of Mr. Bauder. He has been instrumental in promoting many of the leading interests of the city. He was one of the prime movers in building the Opera House, and was President and Superintendent of the company who had the enterprise in charge. The work was completed in 1888, at a cost of $18,000. He is a member and Secretary of the Board of Control, was one of the organizers and is President of the Board of Trade of

Circleville, is Director and Vice-president of the Circleville Building and Loan Association, and is a Director of the Building and House Association. He also owns considerable real estate, having invested quite extensively in Western lands. He owns a number of residences in Circleville, and in 1882 he erected his fine residence, at a cost of $7,000.

In Monroe, Butler County, Mr. Bauder was united in marriage, October 22, 1873, to Miss Adelia Clark, daughter of James Clark, a farmer of that county, who came to Circleville in 1882, and is now living a retired life. Two children have been born of their union, Cora and Georgia. The home of the family is one of the finest in Circleville, and is the abode of hospitality.

Mr. Bauder joined the Odd Fellows' society at the age of twenty-one, and has since been connected with it. He was a charter member of the Royal Arcanum, also belonged to the Knights of Honor and to the Red Men, but at present holds membership only with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Elks. In politics, he is a Republican. He belongs to the Methodist Church, in which he has served as Steward. He contributes liberally to the advancement of any enterprise calculated for the public good, and has the best interests of the community at heart. Pickaway County finds in him a valued citizen, and one it could ill afford to lose. His straightforwardness and upright life have won him the high regard of all, and his industry and enterprise have gained him a well-deserved prosperity.

EDWARD MASKELL MORGAN, the Vice-president of the Farmers' Bank, of Plain City, was born in Salem Township, Champaign County, Ohio, June 19, 1839, and until January, 1890, he remained a resident of that county, passing his life up to that date upon the farm where he was born. The death of his son, Charles F. Morgan, called him from this life of comparative retirement to a more active business career, and in 1890 he removed to Plain City to assume the management of the bank of which his son had been the Cashier since its organization in 1885.

Our subject is the third in a family of four children. The father of this household died when Edward was but ten years old, and as both the elder brothers were delicate in health from early childhood, the hardships and responsibilities of the farm devolved upon this more rugged son, while still very young. Before he arrived at the age of fifteen, both brothers and the sister died, leaving to him the care of his mother and the entire management of the farm. His education consisted of what he was able to obtain at the district school, which he attended for a few months in the winter of each year.

At the age of twenty-three, Mr. Morgan was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth B. Walters, a native of Virginia, and to them were born two sons, Charles Forrest and Albert Hugh. The youngest son died in infancy, but Charles lived to manhood and became not only the pride and comfort of his parents, but a young man of great popularity, and most highly esteemed by all who knew him. This son was born January 6, 1864, and after studying in the district school, attended the High School at Urbana, and in 1879 entered the University at Urbana, remaining there until January, 1880, receiving during his attendance there a gold medal as a reward for proficiency in his studies. He then entered the Ohio State University at Columbus, and undertook a course in civil engineering, but a severe attack of lung fever during the ensuing winter resulted in a change of his life plan.

In April, 1881, Charles Morgan took a temporary position in the Farmers' Bank, of Fontanelle, Iowa, and after a nine-months' experience in that line of work, he returned to Ohio and took a commercial course in Nelson's Business College at Cincinnati. His subsequent business career was characterized by marked ability and integrity. He served the Ohio Mutual Relief Association at Urbana and the American Sewing Machine Company at Cincinnati, and when the Home Savings Bank began business in Urbana he entered its office, and before he was twenty years old, was promoted to the responsible position of Cashier, hold-

ing that position until October, 1885, when he resigned to accept a similar office in the Farmers' Bank, of Plain City. This young man was very prominent in Masonic circles, and also in the order of the Knights of Pythias, and in both social and business circles won the respect and friendship of hosts of the best citizens of the community. It was in the summer of 1884 that an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs presaged his death, which took place January 3, 1890. The winter of 1888-89 he spent in California, hoping for benefit from the climate there, but returned in the spring with slight gain in strength. His death left his parents childless, but their grief is assauged by the memory of what his life has been, and by the universal affection and esteem with which he was regarded by his fellow-citizens.

The political affiliations of Mr. Edward M. Morgan are with the Democratic party, and the confidence with which he has ever been regarded by the people of his neighborhood made him, in 1880, the nominee for County Commissioner in Champaign County. He is universally conceded to be a man of good judgment and strict integrity, capable of filling well any position where decision of character is required. In the hands of no man could the affairs of the county be more judiciously placed than in his, but his desire has ever been for a more quiet life, and although he has been repeatedly urged to accept the nomination for member of the State Legislature, he has invariably declined. The farm upon which Mr. Morgan has spent his life was obtained from the Government by his grandfather in 1824, the patent to it being signed by James Monroe, and it is still in the possession of the Morgan family. This property has never been in the hands of any but the Morgan family. George V. Morgan, the father of our subject, migrated with his father's family to this State in 1813 or 1814, settling at that time upon this tract of land. He was a cousin of the late Senator Thomas Ewing, who spent a portion of his boyhood days in the family of the Morgans.

Socially, Mr. Morgan is held in the highest esteem, and in the Masonic lodge to which he belongs he has served several terms as Worthy Master. He is also a member of the Urbana Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, and of the Roper Commandery of the Knights Templar. He is largely interested, financially, in the Farmers' Bank, and by his straightforward business dealings and unassuming manners, has made many friends in his new home in Plain City, where he and his estimable wife will, in all probability, spend the remainder of their lives.

ELI MOCK is a farmer residing in Jefferson Township, Fayette County, where he has a beautiful place that is under an excellent state of cultivation. He is a son of Daniel H. and Elizabeth (Robinson) Mock, both of whom are natives of Ohio. Our subject was born in this county, on the 30th of April, 1838. The paternal grandfather, John Mock, came from North Carolina and settled in Fayette County, where he was among the pioneers. The maternal grandfather, William Robinson, was also an early settler of this county, and both these grandparents died in this county, were heroes in the War of 1812, and were farmers by occupation.

The father of our subject carried on farming all his life, and died October 22, 1885, the mother dying some years previous, in 1878. They had five children born to them, our subject being the eldest son. He was reared and educated in this county, and learned all the details of farming, which vocation he chose as his life work. He is now the fortunate possessor of four hundred and four acres of fine fertile land, and one of the best farms in the county, and has made nearly all the improvements on the place with his own hands. On his place mixed farming is carried on with more than ordinary success, and some stock is also cared for.

Mr. Mock was united in marriage December 14, 1865, to Miss Elizabeth Shockley, a native of Madison County, this State, and to this union three children have been born, one deceased. Ginevra, who is married to G. M. Simmerman, and has one child living, Carrie; and Herbert, who resides with his father, and assists him on the farm. The es-

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timable wife of our subject is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Mock is a representative farmer of Fayette County, and his surroundings show him to a man of thrift and enterprise who keeps everything in first-class shape. In his political views, he is a stanch Democrat, and has never been an office-seeker.

ABSALOM J. WELCH, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Mt. Sterling and a self-made man, was born in Paint Township, Madison County, Ohio, March 24, 1851. He has an older brother still living, James W., a resident of this county.

Our subject was born and reared on a farm, and his early education was supplemented by a course in the High School of London. He began teaching in the district schools at the age of twenty-four years and taught for five years, during which time, in his leisure hours, he began reading medicine under Dr. A. D. Morris, then of London, but afterward in charge of the Insane Asylum at Columbus. He completed his private studies under Dr. Higgins, of California, Madison County, and then attended a course of lectures in Starling Medical College of Columbus, from which institution he was graduated in March, 1881. He opened an office and began practice in Palestine on the 20th of April of that year, and there resided until the autumn of 1882.

While in Palestine, Dr. Welch was married, September 15, 1881, to Miss Nellie M. Crossley, of Clyde, Ohio. She was born in Seneca County, in 1862, and is a highly educated and refined lady, who previous to her marriage successfully engaged in teaching and since her marriage has taught for one year in Mt. Sterling. Three children, who are yet living, have been born unto them: David Rupert, who was born in Mt. Sterling, October 18, 1882; Nellie May, who was born in Mt. Sterling, June 5, 1886; and Carleton, born in 1891. Charles W., the second child, died at the age of eleven months.

Dr. Welch came to Mt. Sterling in 1882, and has here met with excellent success in his practice. He has been enabled to purchase a good office besides his pleasant residence. He is a member of the Madison County Medical Society, the Fayette County Medical Society and the State Medical Society. In politics, he is a stalwart Republican, has served as a member of the City Council and as a member of the School Board for about six years. The Doctor is a self-made man, who by his unaided efforts has made his own way in the world. He began to work by the month at the age of nine years, educated himself, and has made his life a successful one of which he may well be proud.

The attention of the reader is invited to the accompanying portrait of the Doctor.

GEORGE W. HITLER, one of the prominent and substantial men of the county, was born in Pickaway County, Circleville Township, Ohio, on the 29th of April, 1845. His father, George Hitler, was a native of the Keystone State, born in Somerset County, on the 27th of September, 1798, and the latter's father, George Hitler, Sr., was born in Maryland, and moved with his parents to Franklin County, Pa., when quite young. The senior George Hitler settled in Somerset County, Pa., in 1793, began farming, and there resided until April, 1799, when he came to Ohio, by flatboat down the Ohio River to Portsmouth and the rest of the way with wagons. He settled in Ross County, in a wilderness, at a time when neighbors were few and far between, and became thoroughly familiar with the privations and trials of new settlers. There he resided until coming to Pickaway County, when he purchased section 33, Washington Township, and became one of the substantial farmers of his locality, owning over two hundred acres of land. He died on the 2d of April, 1818. His wife, whose maiden name was Susanna Gay, was born in Pennsylvania, and died on the 16th of September, 1848. Her father lived to be one hundred and three years of age and is buried in Pickaway County.

The father of our subject, George Hitler, Jr., and his brother Jacob bought one hundred and

sixty acres of land in South Washington Township in 1819 and began raising wheat. They manufactured flour there and shipped it to New Orleans by flatboat, realizing a much greater profit in that way than by selling the grain at home. He followed this for ten years, making one trip each year. He became the owner of one thousand acres of land, with improvements of all kinds, both in Washington and Circleville Townships, and resided in the former township until 1838, when he moved to the latter. Honest and upright in every particular, he was one of the most highly respected citizens of the county and had a host of warm friends. No worthy movement lagged for want of support from this honored man and in his death the county lost one of its best men. He died January 6, 1884, and his death was the occasion of universal sorrow, for all felt the loss to be sustained by the departure of such a man. In politics, he was a Democrat. He married Miss Hannah Ludwig, a native of Pennsylvania, and the daughter of Thomas Ludwig, also a native of the Keystone State. The latter came to Circleville Township with his father, Daniel Ludwig, at an early day (see sketch of Daniel Ludwig), and died here when comparatively a young man. He was the father of one child, Hannah, our subject's mother. She died in 1863, when fifty-seven years of age, and was a worthy member of the Lutheran Church. Of the seven children born to this much esteemed couple, five grew to mature years and three are living at the present time: Susanna, now Mrs. Ross, in Michigan; Thomas, in Washington Township, this county, and our subject.

The original of this notice was reared in Circleville Township and received a good practical education in the common schools. At an early age, he became thoroughly familiar with the duties of the farm and assisted his father in tilling the home place until twenty-one years of age. After his marriage, in 1878, he took charge of the farm of one hundred and fifty-seven acres and has carried it on successfully ever since. He is now the owner of two hundrd acres of good tillable soil in Circleville and Washington Townships, and is one of the substantial and progressive men in his section. His buildings are all large and commodious and everything about the place indicates the owner to be a man of enterprise and thoroughness. In connection with his farming industry, he is engaged in stock-raising and has met with success in this as in all else. He has a stock farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Wayne Township, on Darby Plains, and has a fine brick residence. In 1890, he erected the fine residence in Circleville and has since made his home in this city. He rents his land and is now prepared to enjoy the fruits of his labor.

He selected his wife in the person of Miss Ida M. Lutz, a native of Circleville Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and their nuptials were celebrated in 1878. Her father, Eli Lutz, was a native of this county and his father, Jacob Lutz, was born in Pennsylvania, and was a prominent old resident here. Eli Lutz was a farmer of Circleville Township and became quite wealthy. He died in 1882. To our subject and wife have been born five children, three living: Bertha, Guy L. and May. Mr. Hitler has served on the grand jury two terms and also on the petit jury for some time. In politics, he is a Democrat and has been a delegate to county conventions. Mr. Hitler's wife died April 6, 1892.

JEREMIAH L. HALL, who has extensive tile works at Derby, is distinguished in the brief history of this wide-awake and prosperous village as one of its foremost citizens, who built the first house within its corporate limits, whose public and progressive spirit has been the means of extending its improvements and of forwarding its educational and religious interests, and whose influence is felt in all good causes that will in any way benefit this part of Pickaway County.

Mr. Hall was born July 6, 1833, two miles south of the village of Bremen, in Fairfield County, of which his father and grandfather, both named James Hall, were early pioneers. His grandfather was born in 1760, and is supposed to have been a native of this country, although he was of English

descent. He carried on his occupation as a farmer in Maryland until his removal to Virginia, where he lived a few years prior to taking the long and eventful journey, with a cart and horses, which led him over the mountains to the wilds of Fairfield County, in 1811. He took up his residence in a log cabin among the pioneers near Rushville, and at the time of his death, in 1820, had cleared and improved a small part of his land.

After the family came to Ohio, the father of our subject returned to West Virginia, was there married and subsequently came back to Ohio. He owned a quarter section of land two miles south of Bremen, from which he felled the trees, placed it under a good state of cultivation, and made of it a well-improved farm. He was an easy-going man, but a constant worker, and though he started in life poor, he acquired a handsome competence by his excellent management. He took an active interest in church affairs and was an ardent Methodist, who was greatly missed by his fellow-members when he departed this life in 1868, leaving behind him the blessed memory of a thoroughly good man. His politics were of the Whig stamp. Elizabeth Lockwood was the maiden name of his wife, and she was born in Connecticut, March 31, 1792. Her life was prolonged to the age of sixty-two years and six months. She too was of English antecedents. She was strict in her religious belief, and was a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To her and her husband were born these ten children: Benjamin (deceased), David L. (deceased), Susanna (deceased), James, Isaac (deceased), Mary A., Caroline, Isaiah (deceased), Jeremiah L., and Elizabeth.

The early life of our subject was passed on a farm, and as he was naturally thoughtful and studious, he eagerly seized every opportunity to gain an education. His first schooling was obtained in his native county, in an old log school house, that was furnished with slab benches, a board resting on wooden pins driven into the wall being the writing-desk, while a hole made in the wall by cutting out a log served as a window. At twenty years of age, Mr. Hall entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, and was a student there for several terms for four or five years, having to stay away a part of the time to teach in order to get money to pay expenses, but he contrived to complete most of the studies of the scientific course. He taught in all, during the early part of his life, twenty-five terms, having charge of the schools in Hocking, Pickaway and Franklin Counties at different times. He taught several terms after his marriage, and until upwards of thirty-eight years of age, when he abandoned the profession entirely. Two of his children had the benefit of his instruction as his pupils in schools that he taught. He used to sell fruit trees at intervals while teaching. About twenty years ago, when tile was a new thing, in a laudable spirit of enterprise he established a factory for its manufacture in Jackson Township, Franklin County, and operated it some fifteen years in the summer seasons, while he taught occasionally in the winter. March 12, 1884, he removed to the site of the present village of Derby, erected the first house herein, and his was the first family to select this locality as a home. The same year he established a tile factory, which he still continues to operate with undiminished success, and with fine profits. He now manufactures about fifteen thousand rods of tile, or about two hundred and fifty thousand tile a year, making all sizes, from two to fifteen-inch bore, and sells it over a scope of country for ten miles south and east. He has a large and comfortable residence erected in 1884, and his surroundings are very pleasant.

Mr. Hall was united in marriage with Miss Mary C. Miller April 8, 1863, and in her he has a congenial and companionable wife, who looks care fully to the comfort and happiness of her household. Mrs. Hall is a native of Jackson Township, Franklin County, and was born August 16, 1838. Her marriage with our subject has been blessed by the birth of five children, of whom these four are living: Bertha B., Isaac C., James M., and Emmet M. Lovet is the name of the child that has passed on before.

Mr. Hall has thoroughly identified himself with the interests of his adopted village, and his fellow-citizens owe him a debt of gratitude for his zeal in securing educational and religious advantages. He is School Director, is very much alive to the

need of a good education for the young people of the village, and he spent much time and money to have the present High School, an excellent institution of learning, established here. He and his family are all members of the Methodist Church, towards the upbuilding of which he has contributed generously, he being one of the leaders in procuring the erection of the neat and attractive house of worship in which he and his fellow-members congregate for divine services. He teaches in, and is Treasurer of, the Sunday-school, while his eldest son, Isaac, is Superintendent thereof. Our subject carries his religion into his politics, and is a Prohibitionist of no uncertain stamp.

GEORGE McCLIMANS JOHNSTON, one of the extensive land-owners of Madison County, was born November 29, 1814, in Range Township, where he still resides. His grandfather, Henry Johnston, was a Revolutionary soldier, who served for seven years in the Colonial army. At one time, he was chasing an Indian and another redskin took after him. He tripped and fell over a root, and while the Indian stood over him with uplifted tomahawk, an Irishman shot the savage, who fell over Mr. Johnston.

William Johnston, the father of our subject, was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., April 12, 1781, and in early life emigrated to Ohio, locating in Ross County. He bought about four hundred acres of land in this vicinity. On the 9th of May, 1805, he wedded Margaret McClimans, who was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., January 10, 1784, and was a daughter of John and Mary (Crevistine) McClimans. Her father was born April 29, 1756, and her mother May 27, 1765. On coming to Ohio, they located in Range Township, Madison County. The father's death occurred August 8, 1829. In the family were the following children: Mrs. Johnston; William, who was born September 29, 1786, and died February 10, 1842; George W., born April 20, 1789, died August 22, 1850; Sarah, born August 28, 1792, became the wife of Isaac Houseman, and is now deceased; John, born March 16, 1794, died June 25, 1849; James, born July 29, 1796, died June 15, 1860; Joseph, born October 29, 1798, died in September, 1805; Samuel, born July 15, 1801, died August 18, 1855; Isaac, born March 23, 1805, died June 6, 1880 and David, born December 16, 1808, died March 18, 1874.

In Ross County, three children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnston: John, born March 13, 1806; Mary, October 1, 1809 and William, September 24, 1812. In 1813, they removed with their family to Madison County. Our subject was the first child born in this county. He was followed by Henry, born May 2, 1816; James, December 23, 1817; Sarah, July 26, 1819; Hannah, July 29, 1822; Joseph, September 19, 1824, and Margaret, January 28, 1827. James died September 29, 1823, but the others all grew to mature years. Those now deceased are Mary, who died July 24, 1839; Sarah, April 13, 1854; John, in July, 1882, and William, in April, 1889. The mother of this family passed away in February, 1862, and the father was called to his final rest October 29, 1866. He was a Democrat in politics and cast his first vote for Thomas Jefferson in 1804. He was a prominent man and held the office of Justice of the Peace for eighteen years.

Our subject grew to manhood on his father's farm. He was married December 24, 1835, to Barbara Bean, daughter of Henry and Rachel (Roose) Bean. On both sides, she is of German descent. Her parents came to Champaign County, Ohio, when she was about twenty years of age. She was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., September 4, 1812.

For a year after his marriage, Mr. Johnston resided upon his father's farm and then lived upon rented land for twelve years. His brothers and sisters having then mostly left home, he returned to care for his parents and at their deaths he purchased the interest of the heirs in the farm which he now owns. He has added to this until his landed possessions now aggregate nine hundred and eighty-seven acres, which are operated in partnership by his sons.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have been born seven children: Margaret M., born January 1, 1837, is the wife of D. B. Foster, whose sketch ap-

pears in this work. William T., her twin brother, died September 21, 1850, at the age of thirteen years. James, born February 25, 1839, was married, December 21, 1871, to Miss Lenora Harnbeck, of Stokes Township, Madison County. She was born January 26, 1852, and died April 18, 1874, leaving one child, Carrie, born October 30, 1872. Rachel E., born January 26, 1842, died March 29, 1845. Henry Bean, born April 28, 1844, was married, December 24, 1874, to Emma Froud and resides in Range Township. Susan H., born March 8, 1848, became the wife of William Cannon, of Range Township, September 2, 1874. John W., born November 7, 1850, was married, December 24, 1876, to Lizzie Gregg.

Mr. Johnston is a Democrat. He cast his first vote for Martin Van Burén in 1836, and has never failed to vote at a fall election. He has never aspired to public office and when once elected paid his fine rather than serve. His son James has been Township Trustee. Our subject is one of the prominent and influential citizens of the community. His entire life has here been passed and he is one of the oldest native citizens of Madison County. He well deserves representation in this volume and with pleasure we record his sketch.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, a member of the firm of Jenkins & Adams, local agents of the White Sewing Machine Company at Washington C. H., is honored as a veteran of the late war, and for his merits as a man and a citizen. He is a native of this county, and was born December 9, 1839, on the old homestead that belonged to his father, Albert Adams. The latter was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1807, and was of mingled English and German blood. When he was two years old, his father, Robert Adams, brought his family to Ohio, and settling in the southern part of Fayette County as one of its early pioneers, spent his remaining days there. He took up several hundred acres of land in the forests, felled the trees and cleared a goodly farm. His father and mother had accompanied him to their home in the wilderness, and his mother fell a victim to the Indians, who were then numerous in this part of the country. There was a little spring house near their dwelling, to which she repaired for water on that fatal day, and she was shot by an Indian just as she had arrived at the door on her return with the water. Robert Adams had two sons: Albert and Robert J., the latter of whom died in 1843.

Albert Adams' boyhood was passed amid the wild scenes of frontier life. He remained with his father until the time of his marriage, at the age of twenty-five, to Miss Nancy Coffey, a daughter of John Coffey, who came to this part of Ohio with a colony, and located on the banks of Paint Creek, on the line between Ross and Fayette Counties, at a very early day in the history of this section. He was the first white settler to set foot on the banks of Paint Creek, and his little son William was the first white child buried in the county of Highland. Albert Adams continued to farm on the place that his father gave him in Perry Township at the time of his marriage until 1883, when he bought a farm in Highland County, having sold his other one, and he died in that county in 1885. He was a Republican from the time of the formation of the party until his death. He was active in the administration of public affairs, holding the office of Trustee of Perry Township, and serving as its first Constable. He was likewise a conspicuous figure in the Presbyterian Church, which he faithfully served as an Elder forty-seven years. His wife departed this life in 1858. They had a family of eleven children, of whom four daughters and two sons are living. Our subject's brother, the Rev. R. W. Adams, a resident of Minneapolis, Minn., is prominent in the Presbyterian ministry, and has charge of the synod work in that State. He is also known and honored in military circles for his record as an officer during the late war. He entered the army as a private, and rose to the rank of a General solely through personal bravery and merit.

Our subject is the fifth child of the family in order of birth. He was educated in the district schools of this county, and had entered upon a promising manhood when the war broke out. As soon as possible, all personal aims and ambitions

were laid aside that he might take part in the great contest, and on the 25th of August, 1861, his name was enrolled as a member of Company C, Eighty-first Ohio Infantry, which was commanded by his brother, who then bore the title of Captain.

The regiment was first enlisted as Fremont's Independent Rifle Regiment, was attached to the Western Army, and was sent to Missouri. It was stationed in that State until the following spring, when it was dispatched to Pittsburg Landing, to take part in the battle at that point. After that, our subject and his comrades went to Corinth to help besiege that, and subsequently took part in several skirmishes with the enemy. The following year, they went to Chattanooga, and from there to Atlanta, and did valiant service in the capture of that city. Mr. Adams' efficiency as a soldier won him promotion to the rank of Corporal, and he retired from the army on the expiration of his term of enlistment, while fighting at Atlanta with a good reputation as an officer.

Our subject returned from Southern battlefields to his father's home and found a glad welcome from his friends, and the following spring he was well rewarded for his loyalty to his country by the hand and heart of Miss Eliza J. Anderson, in whom he has found the best of wives. They have one son, Isaac Newton, eighteen years of age, who is attending school. After his marriage, Mr. Adams staid on his father's farm a year, and then bought a farm six miles from Wilmington, to which he removed, and lived thereupon the ensuing three years. He then embraced a good opportunity to sell a half of the place, and with the proceeds he purchased a flouring mill at Vienna, in Clinton County. After operating the mill two years, he traded it for a farm in Missouri. He spent the ensuing six years in Greenfield, and then bought one hundred and seven acres of land in Fayette County. A year later, he sold it, and removed to the Joe Rodgers' farm of sixty acres, which he purchased, and which lay along the waters of Paint Creek. Ten years were passed on that place, but in 1884, he abandoned farming, and coming to Washington C. H., represented the Singer Sewing Machine Company in this city for five or six months. At the end of that time, he went into business as a dealer in agricultural implements in grain and feed, and was thus engaged a year. After that, he resumed charge of the Singer office, and worked for the interests of that company the following three years. Since that time, he and Mr. Jenkins have had the agency for the White Sewing Machine Company, and are doing a good business in introducing that machine in this county and vicinity. Mr. Adams and his wife and son stand high in social and religious circles in this city, and are valuable members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Adams belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and is deeply interested in its welfare, as well as in all things that will in any way benefit the community.

CORNELIUS G. LEAVELL was one of the most practical and successful farmers of Fayette County, his farm in Madison Township being one of the finest in that vicinity. His birth occurred November 7, 1825, on the farm where his last days were spent. He was the son of John and Cynthia (Hedges) Leavell, both of whom were natives of Virginia. The father was born in 1774, and when thirteen years of age, started for Kentucky in company with his parents. The Indians being very hostile, the grandmother became alarmed and the party then stopped in Greenbrier County, Va., where the grandfather departed this life. The next year they floated down the Kanawha River, and located near Lexington, Ky., soon after which the mother met her death by a tree falling upon her. The grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, serving through the entire conflict.

The father of our subject in 1797 came to Ohio, and located either in Ross or Pickaway County. He was married in the last-named county in 1822, soon after which he took up his abode in this county. His estate, which originally comprised ninety-eight acres, was added to from time to time, until at his death Mr. Leavell was the possessor of nine hundred and sixty-eight broad acres.

Of the eight children comprising the parental family, our subject was the third in order of birth. He was given a fair education in the district school, and, when reaching his majority, began to battle with life on his own account, farming on property which had been given him by his father. April 17, 1849, he was married to Miss Emma, a daughter of James and Mary (Harr) Phillips, who was born in Chillicothe May 23, 1829. Mr. Leavell inherited one hundred and forty acres of land from his father and added to that tract until at his death, which occurred April 12, 1892, his estate included seven hundred acres. On this property is located the old log house which was erected in 1816.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leavell were granted a family of two children: John P., who was born March 25, 1850, is a graduate of the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, but did not long follow his profession on account of ill health, and is now farming in Fayette County. He is married, and has two children. Benjamin Ward, who was born May 12, 1856, is also engaged in farming in Madison Township, is married and has three children. He of whom we write in politics was a true-blue Republican, and in township affairs had been Trustee, Clerk and Treasurer, and had represented his party in various county and State conventions.

AE. SILCOTT. In reviewing the leading business houses of Washington C. H., more than passing notice belongs to the firm of Bragg & Silcott, dealers in boots and shoes. It has always been the aim of the proprietors to keep abreast of the times, and their high standing has been attained by unremitting attention to the wants of customers. They are men of high ability and strict integrity and are universally respected in the financial and social circles of Fayette County.

The Silcott family is of sturdy Scotch descent, and has been represented in America for many generations. The father of our subject, Jacob Silcott, was a farmer in the Old Dominion and owned a large plantation there. Owing to his aversion to slavery, he freed his slaves in 1836, and with his wife, whose maiden name was Tamar Cowgill, removed to Ross County, Ohio. There he bought a large tract of wholly unimproved land, from which he evolved a splendidly cultivated farm, that continued to be his abode until his death in 1846.

Our subject was born in Loudoun County, Va., March 8, 1832, and was a child of four years when he accompanied his parents to Ohio. He grew to manhood in Ross County, receiving his education in the common schools and at Salem Academy. In 1846, he commenced to clerk for a firm in Bainbridge, this State, where he remained until 1854, with the exception of one year spent in Cincinnati. He came to Washington C. H. in 1854, and found here a small village which, however, had favorable prospects for growth. He established a dry-goods store on Court Street, where he remained in business until 1861. Being elected County Treasurer during that year, he sold out his business, and during the entire period of the Civil War gave his whole attention to the duties of his office, which he held two terms. A great deal of money being distributed at that time increased his responsibilities. In September, 1865, at the expiration of his term of office, he purchased a stock of dry-goods from a firm of the city, and once more embarked in the mercantile business, which he carried on until 1886.

At the time of his election to the position of Sergeant-at-Arms of the Ohio Senate, Mr. Silcott sold out his mercantile interests and devoted himself to the duties of his position during 1886-87, after which he returned to Washington C. H. and formed a partnership with James Bragg in the shoe business, which he has since conducted. Throughout his long business career, his course has been such as to win the confidence of all with whom business brings him in contact, and he is known as one of the most enterprising and successful merchants of Washington C. H.

November 25, 1851, Mr. Silcott and Miss Lucinda Taylor, of Bainbridge, Ohio, were united in marriage. The bride was the daughter of Jared Taylor, a prominent citizen of Ross County, and the niece of Dr. James Taylor, the founder of the

dental college at Cincinnati. Mrs. Silcott was a lady of lovable disposition, and her death, which occurred December 16, 1891, was deeply and widely mourned. She left four children: Effie, wife of Loren Wilson, of Lawrence, Kan.; Charles E., foreman in D. H. Chambers' Carpet House, at Catlettsburgh, Ky.; James, who is a dentist at Washington C. H.; and Nina, who is at home with her father. The religious home of the family is in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which they are regular attendants.

WILLIAM M. WILSON, who is descended from early pioneers of Madison County, of which he is a native, is one of the leading representatives of its agricultural interests, being an extensive land-holder, and having one of the largest, best-equipped and finest farms within its borders, situated six miles south of Plain City, in Canaan Township. In this township he was born, August 10, 1841, a son of William D. Wilson, a former well-known and prominent citizen of this locality.

The father of our subject was born in Greene County, and was a son of Valentine Wilson, who was born in Kentucky very early in the history of its settlement. He came to Ohio when young, and after living for a time in Greene County, he settled in this county, in Summerford Township, when there were but few pioneers in this part of the State, and he spent his remaining years in the pioneer home that he established in the wilderness, dying in his sixty-sixth year. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Nancy Moore, and she, too, was a child of an early pioneer family of Ohio, her birthplace being amid the primitive scenes of Clarke County, where she grew to womanhood.

After their marriage, the parents of our subject took up their residence in Canaan Township, in a log house, which humble dwelling was replaced by Mr. Wilson with a more commodious brick house, in 1842. Here he led a busy and prosperous life, accumulating a goodly amount of property, until death closed his successful career in his sixty-seventh year, and the county was deprived of one of its most worthy pioneers, who had materially increased its wealth by his industry. His wife died in her seventy-fourth year. They were the parents of eight children, two daughters and six sons, all of whom grew to maturity, and three sons and one daughter are yet living.

The subject of this biographical sketch is the fifth child and fourth son of the family. Canaan Township has always been his home. He was educated in its schools, and grew to a vigorous, self-reliant manhood under the influence of good home training at the hands of his parents. He helped his father in carrying on his farm, and continued to live with him some two years after his marriage, in 1867. He then established himself where he now resides, in his native township, beginning with but little capital as to money, but well equipped with brain and energy, ambition and enterprise, and in the quarter of a century that has since elapsed, he has risen to be one of the foremost men of his class in this part of the county, and one of its most successful stockmen. In his home place there are thirteen hundred and eighty-five acres, and he owns the old homestead on which he was born, which comprises one hundred acres, making fourteen hundred and eighty-five acres of choice farming land that he owns in Canaan Township. He rents about three hundred acres of it, and attends to the management of the remainder himself.

The farm is amply supplied with buildings of a good class, including four neat and well-built dwellings, and the same number of barns, and Mr. Wilson has every improvement and convenience to be found on a model farm. A view of the place is shown on another page. The most of his land has been improved by himself and his father, and is under a high state of cultivation. It is finely adapted to stock-raising purposes, to which our subject partly devotes it, engaging quite extensively in that line of business. He handles on an average one hundred and fifty head of cattle a year, from twenty-five to thirty horses, and ships a number of hogs and cattle to the Eastern and Western markets. He is a man of marked business

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ability and a cool calculator, forethought and careful discrimination characterizing his dealings, as well as promptness in seizing every advantage offered to make a good investment or to increase his wealth, and his name stands high in financial circles wherever he is known. Politically, he is a Republican, and always exerts his influence in favor of his party, and to advance all schemes that will in any way enhance the prosperity of his county. During the Civil War he enlisted, July 14, 1863, in Company B, Eighty-sixth Ohio Infantry, and was mustered out February 14, 1864.

Mr. Wilson was married January 10, 1867, to Miss Mary Slyh, a daughter of Mathias and Sarah Slyh, and a native of Canaan Township. They lived happily together for more than twenty years, and then she passed out of his life October 3, 1889, leaving behind her a golden memory of true wifehood and motherhood that is cherished in the hearts of her loved ones. Two children were born to our subject of his marriage, a daughter and a son: Ella A., wife of Ernest Beach, both of whom reside with our subject, and Leroy, who was born May 3, 1888.

JONAH WOODS is a native of Madison County, the value of whose citizenship has been proven not only by his patriotic course as a soldier during the Civil War, but also by his career as a farmer and stockman in later years, his good-sized farm, twelve miles north of London, in Monroe Township, comparing very favorably in point of cultivation and equipment with the best in the neighborhood, and it is well stocked with a good class of horses, cattle and hogs.

Mr. Woods was born in Monroe Township, December 26, 1837, a son of Jacob Woods, who was a Virginian by birth and was reared in the Old Dominion. He was still a young man when he came to Ohio in pioneer times, and was eventually married in this county to Mary Bradley, a native of this county, and a daughter of Jonah and Susan Bradley, who were among the early settlers of this region. After marriage, they settled in Monroe Township on a farm, but they were destined not to be very long-lived, as he died at the age of thirty-eight, and she when she was twenty eight years old. They were the parents of five children, the youngest of whom was but a month old when the little flock was left motherless. Three of these children are still living: our subject; Olive, the wife of David Stephens, of Seattle, Wash.; and Mary, wife of Newton Thompson, of this county.

He of whom we write is the second child and the only son of the family. He was about nine years old when his mother died, and eleven when he had the further misfortune to lose his father. For two years thereafter, he lived with his uncle, Samuel Baker, and then went to reside with his uncle John Bradley, with whom he remained until the war broke out. He was filled with ardent enthusiasm for the cause of his country, and desired strongly to serve in defense of the Stars and Stripes. Accordingly, he enlisted in Company A, Fortieth Ohio Infantry, and for three years and one month he acted well his part as a loyal soldier, and fought with true courage in many a hotly-contested engagement with the enemy, taking an active part in all the principal battles in which the Western army participated, the terrible and disastrous conflict at Chickamauga being the most noted battle at which he was present. At the close of his term of enlistment, he was honorably discharged at Altoona Pass, Ga., and was there mustered out of the service.

Before the war, Mr. Woods went across the Alleghany Mountains to Lancaster, Pa., with a drove of cattle, with "Uncle" Billy Wilson. After he left the army, he came back to his native county, and about a year later, he went to McLean County, Ill., where he spent one year. Returning then to Ohio, he has ever since engaged in farming, and when he married in the early winter of 1870, he settled on his present farm, having previously bought the place. He has here two hundred and thirty acres of choice land, the most of which is under good tillage, and he has made all the improvements that are of any value, with the excep-

tion, perhaps, of a fine old orchard that was set out some sixty years ago. There was a house on the place when he took possession of it that was one of the oldest in the county, one of the original pioneer habitations of this section. His business is that of a general farmer, and he has his farm fully stocked with standard breeds of horses, cattle and hogs.

Mr. Woods was married in February, 1870, to Miss Belle Bennett, a native of this county, her birthplace being in Fairfield Township. She filled in a perfect measure the offices of wife, mother and friend, and her death, September 15, 1886, was a sad loss to her household, and to others who had known and loved her. She was the mother of these four children: Leora and Juliet, at home with their father; Winnie, wife of William Guy, of Canaan Township; and Jessie, who died at the age of eighteen months.

Our subject is a man of good mental calibre, sound and sensible in his views on all subjects with which he is conversant, and plain-dealing and probity are among his characteristics. Politically, he stands with the Republicans, and socially, he affiliates with the Masons, belonging to Leonore Lodge No. 311, Plain City. He has held various offices of trust and responsibility. He was a Trustee of the township three terms, was Appraiser of Land in 1890, and has been School Director for many years.

HENRY MAY is an old and honored resident of Pickaway County, who has been identified with its interests for years, and has an attractive home on his fine farm on the edge of Kingston. Mr. May is a native of Ohio, born in Chillicothe June 27, 1817. His father, Henry May, was a native of Virginia, and was a son of James May, who was of Irish birth, and came to America in early life. He located first in Virginia, but subsequently came to Ohio and settled in Chillicothe, when it was a mere hamlet, with but one shingle-roofed house. He was a gunsmith, and made guns for the War of 1812, taking his pay in Continental money, which proved worthless. He acquired considerable property, but eventually lost it all. His death occurred in Pickaway County in 1825.

The father of our subject was the youngest of three sons, all of whom married and had families. He was young when his parents settled in Chillicothe, where he was reared, and in his youth learned the trade of chair-maker, serving an apprenticeship of three years. For several years thereafter, he manufactured chairs in that city. He finally purchased ten acres of land two miles north of Chillicothe, and carried on his calling there many years. He subsequently built a hotel to accommodate the travel, which was very extensive in those days. In 1822, he came to Pickaway County, and, buying a quarter-section of land, only partly improved, he built a comfortable house thereon, and spent the remainder of his days here, dying in 1861, in the sixty-fourth year of his age. He was a prominent man in his day, a gallant soldier in the War of 1812, a trusted office-holder, and one of the most active members of the Presbyterian Church of Kingston, which he was active in helping to upbuild, and of which he was a Trustee. The mother of our subject was Susan Mc Cutchen in her maiden days. She was a native of Kentucky, whence she came with her parents to Ohio in an early day of its settlement. Her father, John McCutchen, was also a Kentuckian by birth. After he came here, he built a large dwelling and kept a public house, beside managing his two hundred-acre farm. The mother of our subject died in 1859. She was a true Presbyterian in her religious belief. Three of her children are living.

Our subject is the eldest of these three. He received as good an education as the times then offered. He had to remain at home and work much of the time, as he was the eldest of the family, but he occasionally found an opportunity to attend the old log schoolhouse, with its slab seats and other primitive furnishings. In his youth he learned the trade of a currier, and when he became of age he was given full charge of the tannery, which he purchased after a time of his father, and was engaged in the manufacture of leather very

successfully for a quarter of a century. At the expiration of that time, he turned his attention to farming. He purchased a large tract of land just across the county line from Kingston, in Pickaway County, where he has since lived. His farm comprises two hundred and seventy acres, lying on section 34, Pickaway Township, and eighty acres in Green Township, Ross County, and it is under excellent cultivation and well supplied with modern improvements. The buildings are of a neat and tasteful style of architecture, and the commodious residence, which is built of brick, has all the conveniences that make life comfortable.

Fifty-three years ago, February 20, 1839, Mr. May and Miss Margaret Steele were united in marriage, and for over half a century have lived together in true wedded happiness, he finding her an able helper and a sagacious counselor who shows unfailing devotion to his interests, and she finding in him a kind, considerate and affectionate husband. They have been abundantly blessed in their children, of whom they have six, and to whom they have been wise and tender parents. The following is recorded of their offspring: Jane is the wife of James Machir, of Kingston; Hattie died April 16, 1891; Laura is the wife of Alson C. Foster, a farmer of Pickaway; Edward P., who is Deacon of the Presbyterian Church, is unmarried and lives with his parents, and Kate L. is dead.

Mrs. May was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, March 22, 1817, and is a daughter of Thomas Steele, who was a prominent man in the early pioneer history of Ross County, of which he was at one time Sheriff. Her parents died when she was quite young, and she went to live with William Renick and his wife, in Pickaway Township, by whom she was reared.

During a long and busy life, in which he has had the making of his own fortunes, as he began with no means, our subject has adhered to the principles of truth and righteousness that were early instilled into his mind, and is a man of honor—simple, unpretentious and reticent in his manner, yet always pleasant, thoughtful of others, and friendly in his relations with all about him, and strictly conscientious in his dealings. He was formerly an old line-Whig, and he cast his maiden vote for Gen. Harrison (grandfather of our present President) for the Presidency. He is now an unswerving Republican. Both he and his wife are Presbyterians, and have been exemplary church members for many years.

THOMAS E. SMITH, who is engaged as a blacksmith in Mt. Sterling, claims Clifton, Greene County, Ohio, as the place of his nativity, his birth having occurred June 25, 1858. His father, Thomas Smith, was a laborer. He married Leah Littleton, a native of Warren County, Ohio, and his death occurred when our subject was a little more than a year old. At an early age, Mr. Smith of this sketch had to begin life's battle with the world. He made his home with his mother and his wages were given for her support. He attended school for a short time each winter, and in this way acquired his education, which has been greatly supplemented by reading and observation in subsequent years. At the age of seventeen, he began to learn his trade in North Lewisburgh, Champaign County, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He received his board all of the time and the first year was paid $5 per month, the second $6 and the third year $7.50 per month. Mr. Smith then worked as a journeyman for six months for his old employer, after which he went to Clifton and started a shop, where he carried on business for two years.

On the expiration of that period, Mr. Smith went to North Lewisburgh, where he was married on the 1st of June, 1882, to Miss Ella Embrey, of that place. The lady was born in West Liberty, Logan County, Ohio, January 29, 1860, and is a daughter of Enoch and Abbie (Daw) Embrey. Two interesting children have been born of their union: Edna, born in Pleasant Township, Madison County, March 4, 1886; and Goldie, born in Mt. Sterling, on the 25th of January, 1890.

For about two years after his marriage, Mr. Smith was employed in the flouring mill of his father-in-law. He then rented the mill in Mt. Sterling for three years and engaged in business in that line. When that period had elapsed, he

went to Columbus, where he was employed with the Columbus Buggy Company for four months. He then established a shop in Mt. Sterling and has here since followed the trade with good success. He purchased his residence in 1889, and has a pleasant home, which is the abode of hospitality.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Presbyterian Church. They are people of sterling worth, highly respected in the community and have many friends. Mr. Smith served as Deacon in the church and takes an active part in its upbuilding. In politics, he is a stanch Republican, having cast his first vote for James A. Garfield. He has served as a member of the City Council for three years and his public duties have been discharged with promptness and fidelity, as his re-election indicates. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Mystic Circle, and has held various offices in these lodges.

HUMPHREY JONES. The legal fraternity of Fayette County finds a worthy and successful representative in this gentleman, who is a prominent attorney-at-law in Washington C. H., and is also interested in loaning money for Eastern capitalists. Mr. Jones was born in the county of which he is still a resident, his birthplace being near Jeffersonville and the date of his birth January 31, 1858. He is therefore at present (1892) in the prime of manhood and the full vigor of a successful career.

The father of our subject, Dr. William H. Jones, emigrated to the United States from Liverpool, England, and practiced the medical profession at Jeffersonville, whither he removed prior to 1850. There he was married to Miss Olavi, daughter of Joseph Hidy, Sr., an old resident of the county. He continued actively engaged in the practice of his profession at Jeffersonville until recently, when on account of failing health, he was compelled to retire. He has been a man of firm convictions, more than ordinary intellectual ability, and stands deservedly high in the estimation of all his fellow-citizens. He was at one time Commissioner of the County and occupied numerous positions of trust and responsibility, whereby he was enabled to do considerable effective service for others.

The family of which our subject is a nember comprised six children, namely: Mary J., wife of Luther M. Irwin, of Jeffersonville, this State; William H., Jr., whose occupation is that of civil engineer and abstractor; our subject; Emma and Minnie. Humphrey received a good education in the Jeffersonville schools, after which he followed the profession of a teacher for about five years, then commenced the study of law, and for three years read under the preceptorship of Mills Gardner, at Washington C. H. In May, 1883, he was admitted to practice at the Bar of the State of Ohio and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession, except during the years 1887–88–89, at which time he was acting as the special loan agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee for Southern Ohio, his duties being to examine securities, close up loans and look generally after the financial interests of the company in his district. In October, 1889, he resigned this position and resumed the practice of law, opening his office in the Melvin Block, where he has since remained.

The marriage of our subject, June 18, 1888, united him with Miss Laura B., daughter of James M. Willis, a prominent citizen of Bloomingburgh, this State, and the young couple have established a pleasant and attractive home in Washington C. H.

JOHN M. McCAFFERTY, who is a fine representative of the native-born citizens of Madison Township, Fayette County, is one of the most industrious and useful farmers and stock-raisers within its limits, where he has a well-improved and well-stocked farm. He was born December 4, 1849, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Mace) McCafferty, and was reared on the home farm. In addition to attending the country schools, he took a course of study at

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Merom, Ind., after which he made his home with his parents until 1887. He has been a great traveler, and has visited many of the Western States and the Pacific Coast.

June 20, 1886, Miss Frankie E., a daughter of Robert S. and Mary E. (Leach) Waters, and our subject were united in marriage. The lady was born January 7, 1868, and by her union with our subject has become the mother of two children: Tweed, who was born May 29, 1887, and Thad, born October 29, 1889. Mr. McCafferty soon after his marriage moved to his present home, which contains nearly three hundred acres, two hundred and fifty-one of which were inherited from his father. He has placed his estate under excellent tillage, and has one of the best-cultivated and most desirable farms in the neighborhood, having it well supplied with buildings and machinery, and everything necessary for carrying on agriculture to the best advantage. Beside tilling the soil quite profitably, Mr. McCafferty has another source of income in the fine graded stock which he raises.

Politically, our subject is a stalwart Democrat, and gives steadfast adherence to his party. He has been Trustee of his township for four years, and in social matters is a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge at Mt. Sterling.

AARON TEEGARDIN. There is little need to portray the virtues or defend the memory of this gentleman, for he lives in the affection of his family and friends as a devoted husband, kind neighbor and public-spirited citizen. A native of the good old State of Pennsylvania, he was born in Westmoreland County on the 23d of February, 1810, and was about a year old when he was brought to Pickaway County, Ohio, by his parents, George and Christina (Brobst) Teegardin. The elder Mr. Teegardin located in Madison Township, this county, and there followed agricultural pursuits for many years. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and died shortly after returning from service. His wife followed him to the grave about two years later.

Thus our subject was left an orphan at a tender age and he made his home with his grandfather, Aaron Teegardin, until he had reached his tenth year, when the latter died. After this he made his home with an uncle, Jacob Teegardin, until twenty-one years of age, when he commenced for himself and began working on the Ohio Canal. He received a limited education in youth, but his remarkable powers of observation and naturally fine mind remedied this in a great measure. As he was an extensive reader and a man of studious habits, he became one of the most intelligent and best-posted men of his section.

On the 25th of March, 1833, Mr. Teegardin was married to Miss Sarah Hoy, a native of Fairfield County, Ohio, born February 17, 1814, and the daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Eyer) Hoy, who were pioneers of Fairfield County, locating there in the early part of the present century, about 1806, when the country was wild and unsettled. The mother lived to be seventy-three years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Teegardin were born nine children, six of whom are living: Ephraim, in Indiana; Mahala, at home; Augustus, in Madison Township, Pickaway County; Mary, at home; Philip and Levi, who reside in Pickaway County.

In Mr. Teegardin the community had a faithful and unswerving friend, ever alert to serve its best interests and generous in his contributions toward every movement tending to the general advancement. He served for a year as Trustee of Madison Township, also as Justice of the Peace, and as Captain and Major in the militia. He was deeply interested in educational matters, a stanch advocate of schools, and served as School Director for some time.

This worthy and highly respected citizen, after a life of success and usefulness, was called from the scenes of his earthly labors on the 26th of November, 1887. He was known throughout the section as a man of kind disposition and an intelligent and respected citizen. He was a Democrat in politics and took an active interest in all local political affairs. While not a member of any church, he contributed liberally to the cause of Christianity, and his word was as good as his bond. In character he was generous, free and frank, and as he was

keenly alive to the sufferings and misfortunes of others, no one ever appealed to him in vain for aid or consolation. He was a hard worker all his life and tilling the soil was his chosen occupation. Socially, he was identified with the Masonic order. His widow resides on the home place and is now enjoying the fruits of a life spent in usefulness and well doing. She is well known in Madison Township, and highly respected as a lady of culture and refinement.

The portrait of Mr. Teegardin presented on another page perpetuates his lineaments for coming generations.

WILLIAM HENRY TYLER, who is engaged in farming and stock-raising in Paint Township, Madison County, claims New York as the State of his nativity. He was born in Monroe County, November 16, 1837. His parents, Benjamin and Catherine (Kelley) Tyler, were both natives of Herkimer County, N. Y., the former born September 1, 1810, and the latter January 30, 1807. Their eldest son, Benjamin F., was born July 12, 1835, after which they left Herkimer County and removed to Monroe County. Here our subject was born. The other son resides in Parkersburg, W. Va., and is an oil refiner. He is married and has two daughters, Carrie and Mabel. On emigrating to Ohio, Mr. Tyler purchased one hundred and thirty-seven acres of land in Paint Township, Madison County, where he resided until his death, which occurred April 13, 1879. The paternal grandfather of our subject, William Tyler, was born in Massachusetts in 1765, and, at the age of fifteen, entered the Colonial army during the Revolutionary War.

We now take up the personal history of Mr. Tyler, of this sketch, who was educated in the common schools and assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm until his death. He now resides on the old homestead, and his home is supposed to be the oldest in the county. During the late war, he enlisted in 1861, in the second company organized in Madison County, but as the required quota was filled, he was not mustered in. Shortly afterward, he was attacked with inflammatory rheumatism and confined to his home until the next winter. In April, 1864, he again offered his services to the Government, and became a member of Company I, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry. He was principally engaged in guard duty with the Army of West Virginia, and was mustered out in September, 1864. Since the close of the war, he has been engaged in farming with good success.

On the 8th of January, 1863, Mr. Tyler led to the marriage altar Miss Hannah M. Sifrit, of Paint Township, a daughter of Jacob and Emily (Hall) Sifrit. She was born May 6, 1844. Their union has been blessed with five children: Minnie, born October 29, 1865, married Charles B. Sough, of Union Township; Owen D., born September 22, 1870; Katie, born May 5, 1874, died September 1, 1879; William Henry, born June 5, 1879, and Mary Emma, December 25, 1883.

Mr. Tyler cast his first Presidential vote in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln, and has since been a stanch supporter of the Republican party. His son expects to vote for Benjamin Harrison in 1892. Mr. Tyler is a well-known farmer of this community, is an enterprising and successful business man, and has won the confidence and good-will of all with whom he has come in contact.

ALGERNON SIDNEY MORGRIDGE. We here present the life sketch of one of the most prominent and well-known residents of Plain City, who owns a large and valuable farm in Darby Township, where he was born, September 6, 1821. Beside this fine property, he has considerable property in mortgages on farms and other real estate. His father, Richard Morgridge, was born at Amesbury, Mass., November 18, 1771.

When twenty-one years old, the father went to Vermont, and there married in May, 1800, Miss Sally Emerson. They came to Ohio in 1816, and

first located in Licking County, where they remained three years, and then removed to Madison County, and made their home in Darby Township, establishing themselves upon a farm. The father died here, August 10, 1843. He was a Democrat of the Jacksonian type. His father, Samuel Morgridge, was a native of Massachusetts, and a ship carpenter by trade, a son of John Morgridge, who was born in England, and settled in Massachusetts at a place which was afterward known as Morgridge Point.

Our subject's mother, Sally Emerson, was a native of New Salem, N. H., where she was born August 18, 1781. She was the eldest child of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Bailey) Emerson. Mr. Emerson was born in Massachusetts, May 7, 1756, and carried on farming throughout life. He was the son of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Emerson, the former of whom was killed, or died in service, during the French and Indian War, leaving this only son, who became the grandfather of our subject.

The parents of our subject had nine children, five of whom were sons, and four were daughters. Their eldest, Charles Grandison, was born June 23, 1801, in Washington County, Vt., and died in 1872; Samuel was born November 17, 1802, and died June 21, 1817, in Licking County, Ohio; Fannie, who was born April 4, 1805, and Anna, who was born June 24, 1807, have both passed from earth, and Sally, whose birth took place June 11, 1812, died October 21, 1836, in Madison County; William Jacman was born January 12, 1810, and died October 16, 1836; Joshua Bailey was born August 2, 1814, and Harriet Byron, who is dead, was born March 27, 1817.

Our subject was the youngest of the household, and received his education in the log school house in Darby Township, and that was the only institution of learning with which he was connected as a scholar. It was, indeed, a primitive school, with rude benches and puncheon floor. He remained with his father until he reached the age of twenty-one, and after that he taught in the district school for five winters, part of the time in Clarke County, Ohio, and he cherishes as a souvenir of those early times a certificate, which he received from Peter Smith, in Clarke County, in 1840.

After closing his career as a teacher, Mr. Morgridge devoted himself to farming and cattle-raising, and he has fed cattle for market for forty winters. In 1861, he left the farm upon which he had lived from childhood (with the exception of the time he was in Clarke County), and located where he now resides. He commenced his stock-raising with about five head of young calves, and has wintered, some seasons, as many as eighty head of steers. He is now a man of wealth, and has reached this position by economy and a strict attention to business. He has a fine estate of five hundred and seventy-five acres, which is well-improved, and much of this land he has in the hands of tenants. Beside his property here, he has an estate in Marysville, Ohio. He voted the Democratic ticket until the Civil War broke out, but since that time has been a stanch adherent of Republican principles.

HON. JOHN B. KOONTZ, the present Mayor of Washington C. H., was elected to that honorable position April 5, 1890. He is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in Shelby County, August 22, 1845, and is a son of Joseph W. and Hannah (Baldwin) Koontz, natives respectively of Rockingham and Greenbrier Counties, Va. The father of our subject emigrated to Shelby County about 1815, and the mother accompanied her parents on their removal to the same county about 1812.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Koontz remained in the above-named county for a number of years, and in the spring of 1846 removed to Madison County, which was their home for a period of twenty-one years. They then came to Fayette County, where the father died in July, 1870.

Mr. Koontz of this sketch was given an excellent education, finishing his studies in the schools at London, and the Lebanon Normal, from which latter institution he was graduated. He was engaged in teaching school for a period of five years,

during which time he determined to follow the profession of a lawyer, and, pursuing a diligent course of reading, was admitted to the Bar in May, 1872. Mr. Koontz located in this city for practice and has been actively identified with its interests since that time, with the exception of three years. He has built up an extensive clientage, and devotes his entire time and attention to his profession.

Our subject was first elected to the Mayoralty in 1873, and is still serving. In politics, he is a Democrat, and, although this city is Republican by five hundred majority, yet our subject has the confidence of the community to such extent that he has been elected five times to the Mayoralty. He has been Justice of the Peace for some time and takes an active interest in the progress of public events. He is an enterprising business man, of broad and intelligent views, and enjoys the entire confidence of the community.

February 11, 1872, our subject and Miss Mary B., daughter of Joseph and Nancy Adams, of Highland County, this State, were united in marriage. They are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in social matters Mr. Koontz is an Odd Fellow, and a Knight of the Golden Eagle.

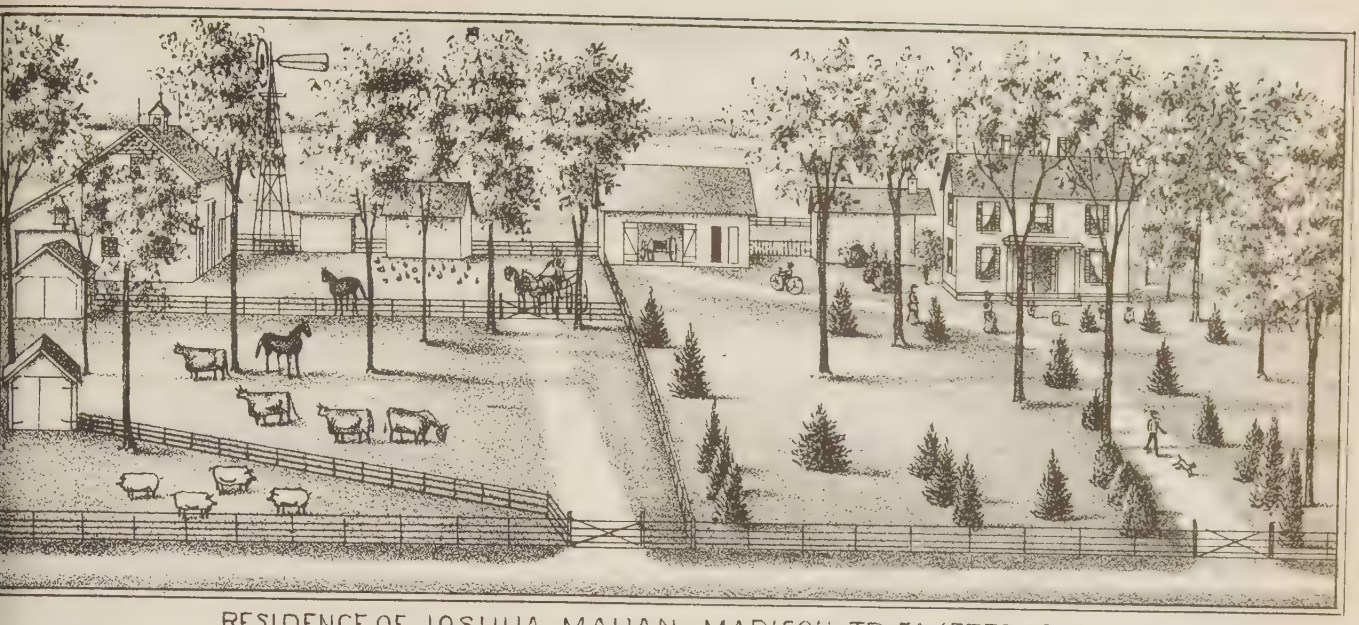
THEODOR MATTHAES. The citizens of Ohio who have come from Germany have invariably brought with them such traits and habits of life as have rendered them of value in their new home. Their industry, frugality, and rugged perseverance have helped to achieve such a degree of success as enhances the prosperity of their neighbors. Such an one do we find in the man before us, who, twenty-two years ago, began life a poor boy, and to-day is one of the wealthiest citizens of Darby Township, Pickaway County. His large estate has been accumulated through his persistent industry, which almost invariably wins success.

Mr. Matthaes was born in Saxony, Germany, on the 18th of June, 1830, and is the son of Henry M. Matthaes, also a native of the Fatherland, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. Of his father, the grandfather of him of whom we write, but little is known, other than that he was a prominent physician in his native land. Henry M. Matthaes departed this life when sixty years of age, firm in the faith of the Lutheran Church. He had married Miss Anna Sifert, also born in Saxony, Germany, by whom he became the father of six children: Henry, Charles, Caroline, Margaret, John, and Theodor. Mrs. Matthaes also died when about sixty years of age.

The original of this sketch was reared on his father's farm, and, like all German youths, was given a good education, attending school from the age of five to thirteen. When reaching his twentieth year, he served for two years in the regular army, and embarked alone for the New World in 1852, being twenty-six days en route. On landing in New York City, he made his way directly to Columbus, this State, near which city he found employment in a sawmill. He was thus engaged for a twelvemonth, when he changed his occupation, and for four years worked in the State Stone Quarry, four miles west of Columbus. When abandoning that line of work, he began farm labor, being in the employ of one man for two or three years, and later worked ten years, by the month, for another party.

Mr. Matthaes, after having cultivated a rented farm for two years, returned to Germany, in 1857, where he spent the winter. On coming again to his new home in this State, he purchased, in 1870, his present farm, which then was little more than a wilderness, bearing but slight improvements. He borrowed money, for which he had to pay ten per cent. interest, and with a family of eleven children to care for, he often became discouraged, fearing that he would not be able to pull through. But, in his vocabulary, there was no such word as "fail," and he bravely pushed on, overcoming every difficulty and surmounting every obstacle that beset his path, until he was able to pay both principal and interest of his borrowed money, and lay by a handsome competency to be enjoyed in his later years.

May 10, 1858, Miss Anistene Schilling became the wife of our subject. She was born in Saxony, Germany, and on coming to the United States, when



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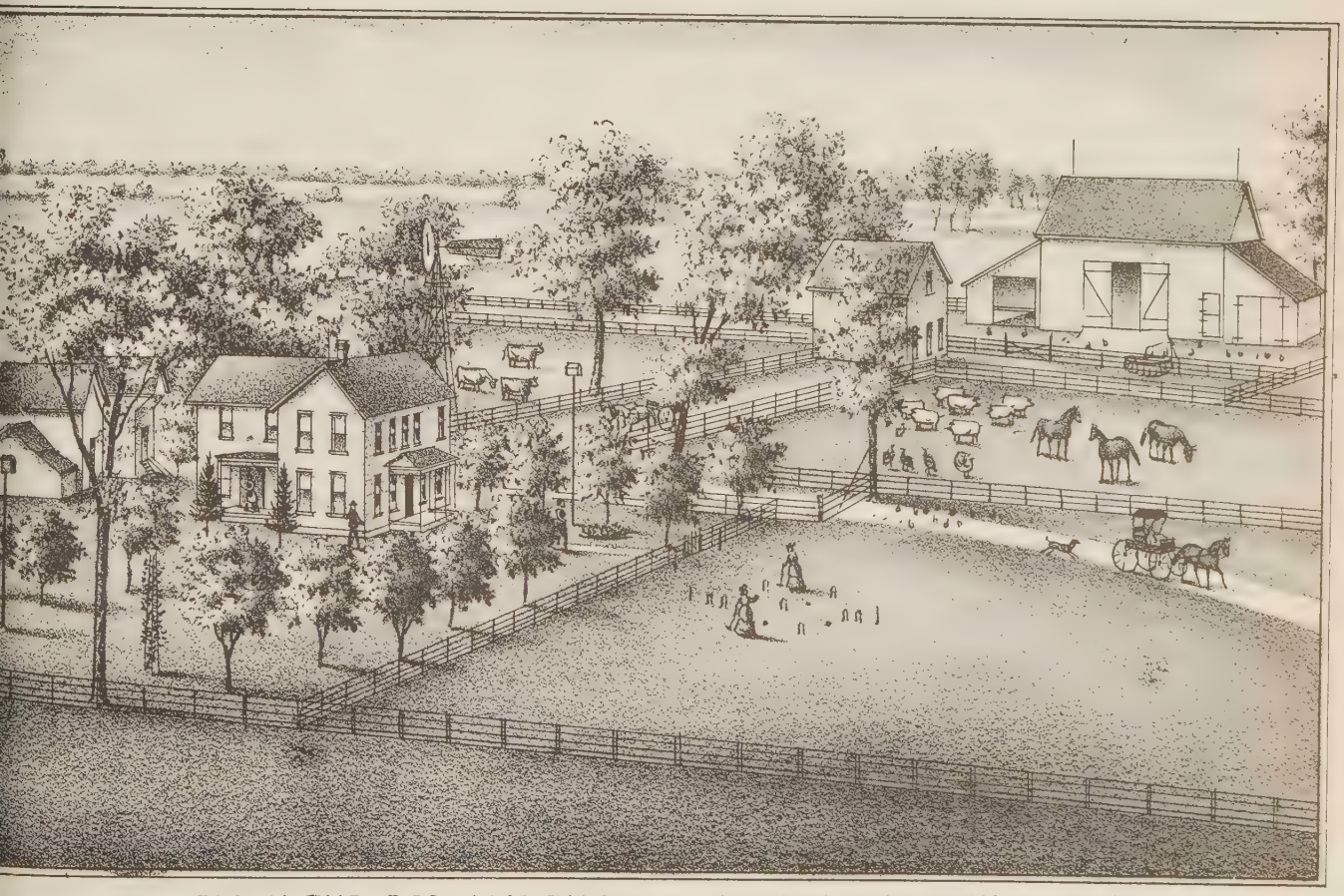


RES. OF THEODOR MATTHAES, DARBY TP, PICKAWAY CO., O.

twenty-five years of age, with her parents, located in Franklin County, this State. Six of the eleven children born of their union are living, viz: Herman, who was born November 18, 1860; Louis, July 25, 1863; Caroline, June 1, 1867; Francis, March 17, 1870; William, December 5, 1871; and Nora, June 17, 1876. Those deceased were Oscar, who was born June 6, 1859, died August 11, 1887; Bertie, born January 7, 1862, died April 9, 1891; Emma, born December 24, 1865, died June 10, 1889; Minnie, born September 19, 1868, died October 21, 1888; and Ida May, born May 30, 1873, died March 27, 1889.

Mr. Matthaes is engaged in mixed husbandry, and, in addition to raising the cereals, breeds numbers of cattle, hogs, and horses, making a specialty of the Norman breed in the latter. He is the owner of two valuable estates, the home farm containing one hundred and twenty-two acres, and the farm located one mile north numbers one hundred and thirteen acres. His present large frame residence, a view of which is shown elsewhere, was erected in 1878, and bears all the comforts and conveniences which indicate its inmates to be people of means and culture. His barn, which is one of the best in the township, was built in 1873, and is admirably adapted to the storage of grain and shelter of stock.

Both our subject and his estimable wife are members in good standing of the Methodist Church at Harrisburgh. Coming to this country a poor boy, with no other means of gaining a livelihood than strong hands, Mr. Matthaes to-day ranks among the wealthy and progressive citizens of Pickaway County, and it gives the biographer pleasure to be able to herewith present to our numerous readers a sketch of so worthy a gentleman.

JOSHUA MAHAN. One of the most conspicuous figures among the agriculturists of Madison Township, Fayette County, is the gentleman above named, who makes a specialty of breeding Polled-Angus cattle, for which he receives the largest prices paid. As is usually the case with one who makes a specialty of anything, he is something of an enthusiast regarding the stock which is his favorite, and has many statistics to give showing their superiority over other breeds.

Our subject was born near Chillicothe, Ross County, this State, December 18, 1836, and is the son of Joshua and Sophia (Beck) Mahan. His father, who was born near Richmond, Va., was a farmer, and died when Joshua was eighteen months old. The parental family included three children, of whom Martha Jane, the eldest, died when eighteen years of age; Harriet married a Mr. McCoy, and makes her home near Chillicothe.

The original of this sketch was given a fair education in the country schools, and, when eleven or twelve years of age, his mother was married to James McCoy. His step-father dying four years later, his mother sold her interest in the estate, and located upon a farm in Ross County, which our subject aided her in paying for. In 1858, they traded that property for the estate where Mr. Mahan is at present residing, the mother taking as her share one hundred acres, and our subject sixty.

The lady to whom Mr. Mahan was united in marriage, September 13, 1859, was Miss Margaretta Plyly. She was born in Ross County, September 23, 1836, and is the daughter of Joseph and Mary A. (Baldwin) Plyly. To them have been born a family of six children: John Carrey, who is engaged in farming in partnership with his brother, Spencer; Hattie Jane, who was born May 29, 1868, and died July 31 of that year; Mary Belle, who was born July 17, 1869, and died January 8, 1885; Roscoe Lee, December 26, 1876; and Della May, April 25, 1878, now at home with her parents. The mother of our subject made her home with him until her decease, March 21, 1877. His half-sister, Mary McCoy, was also an inmate of his household until her marriage. Mr. Mahan purchased the home farm from his mother, and now has an estate which comprises two hundred and ninety acres. He has erected thereon a handsome dwelling and all the necessary outbuildings, and by thoroughly draining the place has made of it one of the best in the township. A view of the estate is shown elsewhere in this work.

Originally inclined toward the Whig party, Mr. Mahan cast his first Presidential vote in 1860, for Bell and Everett. In 1864, he voted for George B. McClellan, the Democratic candidate, and was a member of that party until 1891,when he joined the ranks of the Farmers' Alliance. In 1878, he was elected County Commissioner, which office he filled most acceptably, and has also served as a Delegate to the various county, congressional and State conventions. In 1873, he became a Mason, holding membership at Bloomingburgh with Lodge No. 449.

JOHN WALLACE, the versatile and genial editor of the London *Enterprise*, whose energetic character and indomitable will have triumphed over the affliction of the loss of eyesight that would have been an insuperable bar to further progress to most men, has had a wide experience in public life, and is one of our best-known and most honored journalists.

Mr. Wallace is a native of London, and was born June 4, 1839. He was only twelve years old when he left school to enter the office of the London *Sentinel*, a paper published by G. W. Sprung, and during the five years that he was there he acquired a thorough knowledge of printing, beside gaining a good insight into the methods of conducting a newspaper. In the winter 1855-56, friends secured him the appointment of page in the Ohio Senate, through Lieut.-Gov. Myers. At the organization of the Senate in January, 1860, through the influence of the Hon. R. A. Harrison, he was elected Second Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and was given charge of the postoffice department of the Senate.

Our subject's early experience in the office of the *Sentinel* gave him a taste for newspaper work, and deciding to adopt the editorial profession, in 1863, in connection with J. B. Stine, he purchased the London *Union*, now the London *Times*, and engaged in its publication one year. Disposing then of his interest in it advantageously, he devoted himself to other pursuits for some years, but January 1, 1872, he resumed his journalistic labors, establishing on that date the London *Enterprise*, which has steadily gained in popularity with each passing year, and is held in high estimation by its many patrons as a well-edited newspaper, and as a pure, high-toned family journal, whose influence is elevating and healthful. Notwithstanding that he has been totally blind since 1880, Mr. Wallace has continued the publication of his paper. For some years it was independent in politics, but in April, 1879, at the solicitation of the Republican County Executive Committee, it was made a Republican organ, and has continued to give vigorous support to the policy of the Republican party. In October, 1890, the paper was made a semi-weekly, and is the only semi-weekly paper in Madison County, and it is steadily increasing in circulation and business generally.

Mr. Wallace was married May 26, 1862, to Miss E. F. Baker, of Franklin County. She died July 6, 1887, leaving two children: Elizabeth S., and Milton H. Her memory is tenderly cherished in the hearts of those who knew and loved her for her amiable disposition and true womanhood.

JOHN G. DUN. This well-known name is borne by one of the most prominent and wealthy residents of Madison County, its owner having prosecuted his worldly affairs so well that he has acquired ample means, and has for a number of years been the largest resident tax-payer in Deer Creek Township. He is at present residing in a fine house, surrounded by all the conveniences and adornments of modern farm life, where means are not lacking to procure whatever is desired. The large estate of Mr. Dun has been acquired by his own industrious, long-continued and wise efforts, as he began his career without other means than his natural ability and the fundamental education acquired in early manhood.

The Dun family was one of the first in this section of Ohio, representatives of that name having come here in an early day. The father of our subject,

Walter Dun, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and died near Lexington, Ky., while his mother, who bore the maiden name of Ann Mary Angus, was born in or near Petersburgh, Va., and died in Columbus, Ohio. John G. Dun was born in Chillicothe, Ross County, this State, September 21, 1814, and was a lad of eight or nine years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Lexington, Fayette County, Ky. He grew to manhood near Lexington, and supplemented the knowledge gained in the subscription schools of that vicinity by a course in the Transylvania University, from which institution he was graduated. Mr. Dun, after completing his college career, learned the art of surveying, and came to Madison County, resurveying some of the property which belonged to his father in the Virginia Military District, in the counties of Madison, Union, Logan, Hardin and Champaign. His father had been Military Surveyor in that district for eighteen years. After completing that work, our subject returned to the Blue Grass region, but, at his father's request, again came to Madison County, in 1836, and took possession of a tract of twenty-five hundred acres of land, which he improved.

Mr. Dun resided in this locality for two years, or until his father's death, which occurred early in the fall of 1838, when he was called home to Kentucky, and became executor of his father's large estate, which he succeeded in settling in the spring of 1842. He then returned to Madison County, and since that date has been a permanent resident of Deer Creek Township. While in Kentucky, settling up the estate of his father, John G. Dun was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Jane B. (Claypool) James. They were natives of Virginia and New Jersey, respectively, and the mother was a daughter of Col. A. G. Claypool, a native of Pennsylvania. The date of the ceremony was October 6, 1841. Mrs. Dun was born October 11, 1821, and by her union with our subject has become the mother of nine children.

Mr. Dun is a stanch supporter of the Democratic principles, and has been honored by being elected to several offices of local responsibility. His possessions include three thousand acres of land in Madison County, in addition to which he has large interests in other parts of the State. Mr. Dun is considered to be one of the wealthiest men in Madison County, which is noted for its prominent and well-to-do citizens. He has always been singularly successful in money-making, and through his own exertions attained success.

SALEM S. McCLELLAND. Through unaided exertions, this gentleman has become prosperous and well-to-do and is the owner and operator of a splendid farm on section 20, Salt Creek Township, which he purchased in September, 1866. Since its purchase, he has devoted his attention to its improvement, and through the introduction of the latest methods of agriculture, as well as the use of modern machinery and proper rotation of crops, has made his estate one of the best in Pickaway County. The residence which he erected after locating here is a substantial dwelling, and the other buildings are in keeeping with the apparent thrift on every hand.

About 1792, Col. James McClelland, grandfather of our subject, emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio and settled in Fairfield (now Hocking) County, where he entered land, some of which is still in the possession of his descendants. By his marriage, he became the father of seven children, three of whom still survive. His son, Alexander, was born in Hocking County, Ohio, June 3, 1807, and grew to manhood upon his father's farm. After gaining an education in the neighboring schools, he engaged as a teacher in his early manhood, and in that way earned sufficient money with which to purchase the old homestead. In the house where his eyes first opened to the light of day, they closed upon the scenes of time November 3, 1888, when he had reached the good old age of eighty-one years and five months.

During his long and useful life, Alexander McClelland was closely identified with the progress of Hocking County, which he had seen change from an uninhabited tract of country to the abode of thousands of people, the site of thriving cities and fertile farms. For twenty-one years, he served as

Justice of the Peace and occupied the various offices of the township. In his religion, he was a Cumberland Presbyterian and filled the office of Elder for many years. His farming enterprises were successful and he became a large land-owner and successful financier.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Minerva Spangler. Her father, Col. Samuel S. Spangler, was a native of Pennsylvania and a veteran of the War of 1812. About 1792, he removed to Fairfield (now Hocking) County, Ohio, and was a prominent farmer there until his death, which occurred December 13, 1863, aged eighty-one years and six months. He had three daughters, Barbara, Elizabeth and Minerva, all of whom survive. The last-named was born February 13, 1812, and has for many years been a faithful member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She became the mother of eight children: John A., James H., Samuel (deceased), Salem S., Susanna, William Enos, Charles and Clark (deceased).

The fourth in this family, Salem S., was born in Hocking County, Ohio, April 10, 1838. His education was gained in a log schoolhouse, which still stands on the old McClelland homestead, a landmark of the early part of this century. When nineteen years old, he commenced to teach and continued in that way for a number of years, being instrumental in advancing the educational status of the community and creating a more extended interest in the acquirement of knowledge. At the age of twenty-three, he commenced farming operations in Salt Creek Township, one mile north of his present home.

October 21, 1860, occurred the marriage of Mr. McClelland and Miss Margaret E., daughter of Daniel K. and Ann (Armstrong) Defenbaugh. Her father was born in Pennsylvania and died December 13, 1889; her mother was a native of Ohio, where she died March 25, 1875. Mrs. McClelland was born May 11, 1842, and was reared to womanhood within her father's home, which she left to enter that of her husband. Their marriage has been blessed by the birth of two children: Dora L., who was born September 23, 1861, married William H. Newhouse, a farmer of Salt Creek Township, and they have one child, Daniel W.; Daniel A., the only son, was born September 1, 1863, and is at present taking a commercial course at Parsons' Business College at Columbus, Ohio.

A firm Democrat in his political belief, Mr. McClelland has served as delegate to county and district conventions, and since 1881 has been Township Trustee. In educational matters, he has since boyhood maintained a deep and unswerving interest and uses every influence to forward the interests of the schools. His one hundred and ninety acres of land on section 20 are highly improved and exceedingly fertile, being watered by Moccasin Creek. Since 1889, Mr. McClelland has raised Short-horn cattle, and he also deals in sheep extensively, the Merino being his favorite. His ability in the settlement of large estates has been often and thoroughly proved, and he has sometimes given a bond as high as $70,000. He possesses excellent information concerning all public matters, and his wonderful memory for dates has been invaluable to him, while his qualities as a citizen are of a superior order.

MILTON J. TOOTLE. This energetic business man and progressive agriculturist of Monroe Township, Pickaway County, was born near Clarksburgh, Ross County, Ohio, on the 11th of December, 1840. He is a son of James Tootle, born in the same place as his son, our subject, August 11, 1814, and he, in turn, is a son of Thomas, who was born in Delaware and came to this State with his parents some time in the year 1800, and settled near the mouth of Deer Creek, in Ross County, where he engaged in the distillery business and followed flat-boating down the Ohio and Mississippi to New Orleans. There the grandfather married Mary Ann Davis, and they had born to them five sons: John, James, Thomas, Isaac and Amos. The country was then practically a wilderness, and he here engaged somewhat in farming, owning one thousand acres of land. He was a successful business man and died when about seventy years old.

The father of our subject was reared to farming pursuits and received his education in the pioneer schoolhouse. He kept a country store for a number of years and, on selling out, engaged in farming, owning at one time fourteen hundred acres of land, of which he improved a great deal himself. He was a hard-working man and an excellent manager, and raised a great number of cattle and swine. Religiously, he was a member of the Methodist Church, and though not very active, he was very strict in his belief. Politically, he was first a Whig and later a Democrat. He never aspired to office and was of a quiet disposition and attended closely to business.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Mary Clarkson and was a native of Ohio, having been born May 5, 1818. She reared a family of five children, four boys and one girl, as follows: Milton J., Edward T., Eliza E., Monroe W. and Douglas E. She was also a member of the Methodist Church and was called from this earth two years after the death of her husband, October 6, 1885, he dying May 12, 1883.

Our subject was reared on the home farm and had but a common-school education, attending in the winters and assisting on the home farm in the summers. He began for himself in life when about twenty-three years old, when he came to his present place and began farming. He was married November 28, 1867, to Mary H. Abernethy. Mrs. Tootle was born in Ross County, near Bourneville, Ohio, September 13, 1847, and to them have been granted seven children, four boys and three girls: Robert T., Samuel C., Ollie E., Minnie T., Rhoda E., John M. and J. Milton.

Our subject has now about eight hundred acres of land, nearly all of which is finely improved and located in the townships of Muhlenberg, Monroe and Darby. He farms about sixty acres himself and rents out the rest, and on his portion carries on mixed farming, raising large quantities of wheat and corn, and caring for large numbers of hogs and cattle, and now has over one hundred head of cattle, to which he feeds all his grain and prepares them for the market.

Mr. Tootle has made most of his property himself and is a man of remarkable judgment, and attributes his success to careful attention to business affairs and good management. In his political affairs, he espouses the principles of the Democratic party, and has held some of the township offices, among them being the responsible one of Trustee four or five terms. Mrs. Tootle is a consistent member of the Methodist Church and an active worker in the same.

JOHN F. JOHNSTON. The village of London is fortunate in having at the head of its government in the time-honored office of Mayor this gentleman, a member of the hardware firm of Johnston & Farrar, at No. 42 Main Street, who has had wide experience in public life, is an exceedingly able business man, and is thoroughly imbued with the spirit of progress that encourages public improvements and tends to foster enterprises for the furtherance of civic interests and the promotion of the growth of the village and county.

Mr. Johnston is a native of Madison County, and was born in Range Township, June 15, 1844, a son of John and Elizabeth (Mathers) Johnston, who came of the early pioneer stock of Ross County, of which they were both natives. John Johnston, Sr., was reared on a farm and became a skillful farmer, which business he carried on through life. In 1813, he came to Madison County and cast in his lot with the pioneers who had preceded him, he being one of the first to settle in Range Township, and while he lived he was one of its most important citizens, acting as Trustee of the township a number of years, and always interesting himself in its welfare. Politically, he was a Democrat without guile. He and his good wife reared a family of ten children, namely: Margaret, Mrs. S. M. Morgan; Sarah, Mrs. S. Armstrong; Ruth, Mrs. R. Fullerton; Mary, Mrs. G. Myers; Martha, Mrs. D. C. Yates; William, John F., James T., George W. and Luther M.

The paternal grandparents of our subject were William and Margaret (McClimans) Johnston, who were natives of Pennsylvania, where the

grandfather was brought up as a farmer. In early life, they came to Ohio, and were married in Ross County, of which they were very early settlers. In 1813, they removed to a farm in Range Township. It was a large farm of some six hundred acres, and the grandfather died thereon at a ripe old age. He was the father of nine children. He was Justice of the Peace for many years in Range Township, and was a sound Democrat in his political creed. He was of German descent, while his wife was of English antecedents. Her father was one of the pioneer Methodist clergymen of Ross County, where he died.

Our subject was educated in the district schools of his native township, and continued to make his home with his parents until he was twenty-seven years old, when he married and established a home of his own, taking as his wife Miss Ellen Rodgers, whose pleasant social traits have undoubtedly contributed to her husband's success in his public life, and their genial hospitality and kindly consideration for the well-being of others have attached to them many tried and true friends. Mrs. Johnston is a native of Champaign County, Ill., and a daughter of Wilson and Massie (Warner) Rodgers, who were born in Ross County, this State. The father was a large farmer and one of the well-to-do men of his community. His politics were of the Republican order. Mrs. Johnston is one of twelve children, of whom nine are living beside herself, namely: Mrs. Mary McDorman, Mrs. Lydia Harrison, Mrs. Phebe Heisler, Simeon, Levi, Mrs. Margaret Heisler, Mrs. Belle Griffin, Emma and Allie. Our subject and his wife are blessed with five children, whose names are Myrtle, Eva, Howard, Florence and Ernest, respectively.

After his marriage, Mr. Johnston continued farming pursuits in this county until 1881, when he was elected to the responsible office of Sheriff, and for four years, of two terms each, he acted in that capacity, discharging his duties in the interests of law and order with uncompromising fidelity and without fear or favor. When his last term expired, he entered the hardware business, in which he is still engaged in partnership with Mr. Farrar. They have a commodious store, well fitted up, carry a large stock of everything in their line, and command a good trade both in the village and in the surrounding country.

Our subject has been the recipient of many public honors, being often called to positions of trust, for which he is eminently fitted by reason of those fine traits of character that mark him as a man of well-poised intellect and of great stability of character, whose words carry weight, and who exerts a beneficial influence on the affairs of the community. He was Trustee of Range Township a number of years, and held the same position in Union Township after he left the office of Sheriff. He is President of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, having been appointed a member of the Board in 1891 by the County Judge. In 1891, he was elected Mayor of the village of London, which position he still retains, and in his administration he has pursued a wise and liberal policy that has materially enhanced the prosperity of the village. He is a member of the Board of Trade, and is always ready to lend a helping hand to push forward any scheme devised for the public good. In politics, he is a Democrat of the true stamp, and, socially, is allied with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias.

JOHN L. KENT. The citizens of Circleville claim to have the best-equipped second-class postoffice in Ohio, and attribute the perfect system of business to the management of the genial and popular Postmaster, the subject of this sketch. As a veteran of the late war, who proved his loyalty to the Union on many a hard-fought battlefield, and as a public-spirited citizen, it gives the biographical writer pleasure to record for the present and future generations a brief account of the life of Mr. Kent.

In noting the ancestral history of our subject, we find that his father, John B., was a painter and followed his trade in Richmond, Va., his birthplace. In 1836, he came to Circleville, where he worked at his trade until his death, twelve years later. The mother of our subject was Isabella, daugh-

ter of Thomas Hare, a native of the Shenandoah Valley, Va., and by trade a hatter in early life, and afterward a carpenter. He came to Pickaway County in 1808, and two years afterward assisted in platting the city in circles, from which it derived its name. In the War of 1812, he was so conspicuous for valor as to merit promotion to the position of Quartermaster of the regiment. His death occurred when he was eighty-five years old. His wife, who was the daughter of a Methodist minister, lived to be eighty-eight years of age.

In the family of which our subject is a member, there were four children, only two of whom grew to mature years. James served during the Civil War as a member of the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Regiment, and was afterward drowned in the Scioto River, in which his father had also lost his life by drowning in 1848. The only surviving member of the family is the subject of this notice, who was born in Circleville, October 13, 1839. He was educated in select schools and was one of the first pupils in the High School of the place. About 1852, he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a wagon and carriage maker with Allen Dean, of Fairfield County, and after serving an apprenticeship of three years, he worked as a journeyman for two years in Ohio. Later, he took a trip through the Western States, and worked at his trade in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Iowa. Returning thence, he opened a shop in East Ringgold, Pickaway County, and after conducting it for a time, removed to Lockbourne, Ohio, where he was employed in a similar manner for one year.

When the Civil War broke out, Mr. Kent was one of the first to enlist, and also assisted in organizing a company at Lockbourne. In July, 1861, he became a member of Company H, Thirtieth Ohio Infantry, and was mustered into service at Camp Chase, August 28 following. Ten days later, he proceeded to Clarksburg, W. Va., and participated in the battle of Colfax Ferry, also in several skirmishes, after which the regiment went into winter quarters at Fayetteville. In the spring of 1862, he was ordered to join Cox's Division, West Virginia Troops, in the rear of Gen. McClelland's army, and was actively engaged in the second battle of Bull Run, Antietam, South Mountain, and in other places where danger to life was greatest, and on every side officers and private soldiers were falling. At South Mountain, he was made Sergeant, and after some skirmishes with Gen. Lee's troops, was ordered to Logan County, W. Va., to destroy some mills of Gen. Floyd's, and meanwhile endured great suffering, walking for six days with nothing but rags to protect his feet from the sharp rocks, and at night sleeping in the snow. During the following year, he took part in the siege of Vicksburg, and marched overland from Memphis to Knoxville, Tenn., fighting all the way. At Missionary Ridge, the regiment lost sixty-five out of one hundred and fifty men and suffered great hardships.

In the winter of 1863–64, Mr. Kent veteranized at home on a furlough, and, rejoining his regiment, marched to Dallas, Tex., where he was injured by jumping from a fence on retreat. He managed however, to remain with his company and refused to go to the hospital. He was detailed as Ordinance Sergeant of the Second Division, and at the battle of Jonesboro had charge of the distribution of ammunition, in which capacity his risks were great. He was with his regiment at Ft. McAllister and Bentonville, and at the close of the war took part in the Grand Review. He was afterward ordered South to Arkansas, but while en route there, was detained at Logan's Camp, Louisville, Ky., where he had charge of fifty-five men. After the regiment was disbanded, he proceeded to Little Rock, where the troops were mustered out, August 13, 1865.

At the close of an honorable service, during which he was ofttimes in imminent danger and had many narrow escapes, Mr. Kent returned to Fairfield County, Ohio, where he worked at his trade. He was married at Circleville, in 1866, to Miss Fannie Sweyer, who was born in Pickaway County, where her father, John Sweyer, was the proprietor of the old National Hotel. In September, 1873, Mr. Kent became clerk in the Circleville postoffice, and remained there eight years uninterruptedly, being retained by the various postmasters. When President Cleveland was elected, he was for three months engaged in other work, but returned to the postoffice and has since been in charge of its

work, although he was not appointed Postmaster until September 3, 1890.

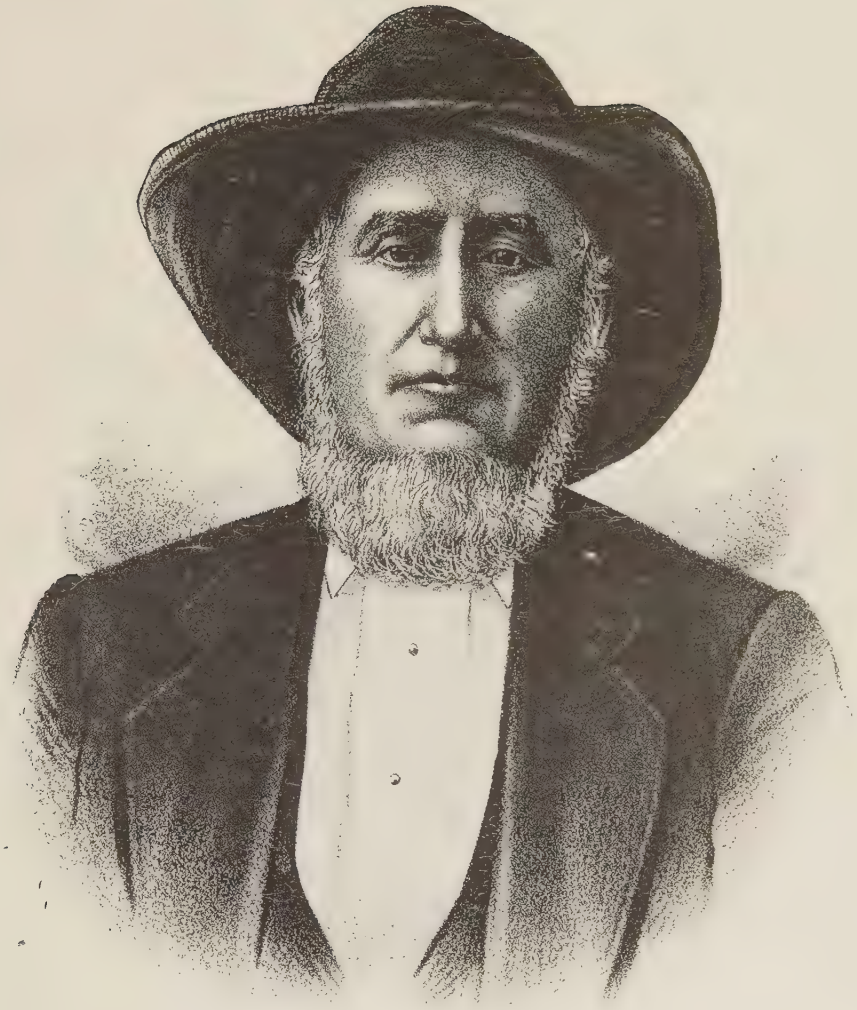
Mr. Kent is a member of the Board of Trade of Circleville, and served in the City Council for one term. He is a stanch Republican and stands high in party ranks. Socially, he is a Knight of Honor and a charter member of Groce Post No. 156, G. A. R., in which he has served as Past Commander. He is a devoted member of the English Lutheran Church, in which he is Trustee and Secretary of the Council. For eight years he has been the efficient Superintendent of the Sunday-school, a work in which he is deeply interested and where his methods of work and efficiency are meeting with marked success.

SAMUEL MORRIS, the efficient and courtly Cashier of the Third National Bank of Circleville, is he whose name appears above. It is fitting that, closely connected as he is with the commercial interests of this city, he should be a native of this county. He was born five miles from Circleville, in Walnut Township, August 2, 1832, and his father, John Morris, was also a native of that township, born in 1806. Grandfather John Morris was a native of Virginia, and of Scotch descent. In the fall of 1801, the latter left his native State for Ohio and took up Government land in Walnut Township. There he received his final summons.

John Morris, father of the subject of this sketch, was reared in his native township and was married there to Miss Delilah Bowman, also a native of Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, born in 1814. After marriage, he and his wife began housekeeping in a rude log cabin, but they subsequently erected a good brick building, and became the owners of two hundred and seventy acres of land in Walnut Township, Pickaway County. There the father died in 1874, when seventy-two years of age. He held a number of local offices in his township and discharged the duties of the same in a manner highly satisfactory to all. He was Justice of the Peace for two years, also County Commissioner two terms and was School Director for several years. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, was Steward for years, and was prominent in all religious matters. His house was always open for religious worship and the preachers generally made their headquarters at his hospitable home. In politics, he affiliated with the Democratic party. His aged wife is still living and resides on the old place with a son and two daughters.

The followin children were born to the parents of our subject: Samuel, our subject. Elizabeth, now Mrs. Robert Fleming, died in Wayne Township, this county. Lydia, Mrs. Wells, resides in Jay County, Ind. Malinda, Mrs. Lincoln, resides in Mt. Pulaski, Logan County, Ill. Mary, Mrs. Hall, resides in Circleville. Jane, Mrs. Wholaver, of Circleville. Catherine is at home. Sophia, at home. John died when sixteen years of age. Milton has been Deputy Sheriff, Clerk and Deputy Auditor of Pickaway County. He is one of the county's most brilliant lawyers, having been admitted to the Bar in 1875, and is now practicing in Circleville. Lewis is on the old farm. Charles E. is an attorney at Springfield, Ohio, and is Police Judge, and Flora, Mrs. Warner, resides in Circleville. The maternal grandfather of these children, William Bowen, was a native of the Keystone State and one of the early pioneers of Washington Township, Pickaway, County, Ohio,

Like so many men who have risen to positions of confidence and trust, the subject of this sketch was reared on a farm, and received his primary education in the home schools, attending during the winter months. When eighteen years of age, he entered school at Westerville, Ohio, but one year later was called home to take a school in the home district. He first taught five months and then nine months, and in 1854 came to Circleville, where he was book-keeper for Wolfley, Gregg & Shulze, one of the largest dry-goods firms, for eight years. From there he went to Ashville, started a store there, conducted it for two years and then returned to the old firm, with which he continued until 1867. After this, he was book-keeper and teller in the Second National Bank and



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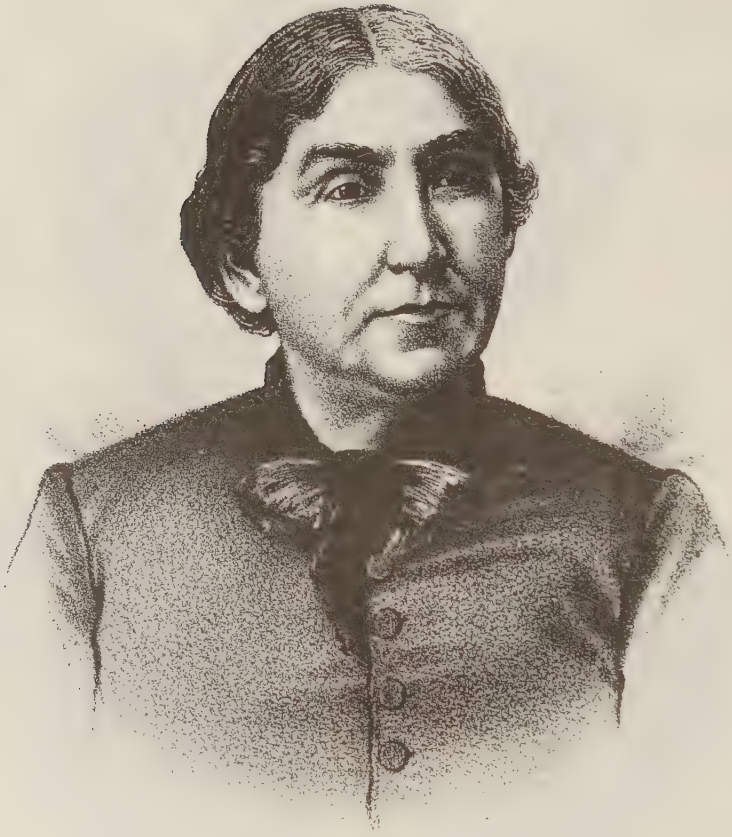


MRS. NANCY I. MILLAR

a few years later was elected Assistant Cashier. When the Third National Bank was organized, on the 1st of January, 1883, he was made Cashier. The first President of this bank was C. Benford, and his successor W. J. Weaver, and in 1885 Mr. Groce was elected to that position. The Vice-president is W. J. Weaver. The capital stock is $100,000 and the surplus $11,000.

Mr. Morris was married, in 1855, to Miss Rose Lincoln, a native of Pennsylvania, and the daughter of Thomas Lincoln, who came to this county from the Keystone State. Mr. Morris is a member of the Methodist Church and has been Recording Steward for the past twenty-six years. He has also been Superintendent of the Sunday-school for the past thirteen years and Secretary of the County Bible Society for some time. He has been a Republican since Lincoln's time, 1861.

ADAM MILLAR. Few families of Pickaway County have a higher reputation in all matters of character, intelligence and liberality, than the one represented by the name we have just given. This gentleman was a native of this county, born in Harrison Township, on the 15th of March, 1815, and came of a prominent Virginia family.

The father of our subject, William Millar, emigrated from the Old Dominion, his native State, to Ohio, in the year 1799, and settled near the junction of the Scioto River and Walnut Creek. There he entered seven hundred and one acres of excellent land, upon which he made a number of improvements, and which has remained in the Millar family for ninety-three years. At the time Government lands were sold in Chillicothe, Ohio, the elder Mr. Millar purchased section 23, partly in Walnut and partly in Harrison Township, and section 22, lying entirely in Harrison Township.

Mr. Millar spent the best years of his life in improving this land, upon which he built the first brick house erected in Harrison Township. In this house his grandson, the late Z. T. Millar, resided for many years. William Millar and his excellent wife, Mary, were the second settlers of Harrison Township, and it is with pleasure that we place their names at the head of the list of pioneers who underwent privations and hardships that they might develop the rich resources of this region, and bring about the condition which we see to-day. A fine residence was erected upon a beautiful building spot, on the west side of the Columbus and Chillicothe Pike, about one mile south of South Bloomfield, and other substantial buildings were subsequently erected. Here the mother died in 1860, and the father three years later, aged eighty-six.

On this delightful location, and amid scenes of grandeur and beauty, the subject of this sketch passed almost his entire life. He was educated in the pioneer schools, and assisted his father in making possible the pleasant homes of to-day. He selected as his wife Miss Nancy R. Howell, and their nuptials were celebrated in 1841. Their union gave them ten children, seven sons and three daughters: William, Mary and George (twins), Michael, Taylor, Tecumseh, Fillmore, Adam, Lucinda, and Hattie. The last-named is now Mrs. Dr. Humlston, of Cleveland, Ohio. Michael resides about one mile north of the homestead, and Tecumseh about one mile southwest. Mr. Millar became one of the most successful agriculturists in this region, and had a wide reputation as a breeder of fine running horses, and other stock. He was extensively known, and his uniform geniality and affability gave him a host of friends, while his enemies were few, if any. In all the relations of life, as husband, father, and citizen, he was kind, considerate, and indulgent, and his pleasant, cordial greeting has been sadly missed by his family and friends. This honored and much esteemed citizen passed to that realm from which no traveler returns on the 1st of November, 1891, aged seventy-six years, leaving an aged wife, who had shared his joys and sorrows for fifty years, three children, Michael, Tecumseh and Hattie, and eight grandchildren to mourn his death.

Mrs. Millar, whose womanly graces and virtues are well known, was born on the 27th of April, 1819, and her parents, Elisha and Louie Howell, were natives of Delaware. Her father was a soldier

in the War of 1812, and fought bravely and gallantly against oppression by the British. About 1827, he emigrated, with his family, to Pickaway County, Ohio, making the entire distance in a wagon, and was three weeks en route. After reaching this county, they resided in Walnut Township for a short time, and then made their advent into Scioto Township, this county, where Mr. Howell purchased one hundred and twenty acres of rich land, mostly covered with timber, which he at once commenced clearing. He erected a log house, and in this he and his worthy wife resided many years, and received their last summons.

Mrs. Millar was one of seven children born to her parents, and her youthful days were spent amid rude surroundings, and in the early schools. She is a faithful adherent of the Methodist Church, of which her parents were prominent members, and is a liberal contributor to its support. She has a host of friends, and well merits the respect and esteem accorded her. Her portrait and that of her deceased husband are presented in connection with this biographical notice.

URIAH F. PAULLIN, who is at present residing on a farm in Paint Township, Fayette County, was born in Greene County, this State, February 24, 1813. He is the son of Jacob and Polly (Furnace) Paullin, the former of whom was born in New Jersey in 1787 and was taken to Kentucky by his parents when an infant of eighteen months. When about sixteen years of age, he went to Jackson County, Ohio, and engaged in making and selling salt in company with his father, Uriah Paullin. Jacob finally went to Greene County, where he was married, and where our subject was born.

Our subject was the second in order of birth of the parental family of eight children, and is the only one now living. He grew to manhood in Greene County, receiving his education in the good common schools of that day, and was especially well versed in mathematics. The father of our subject was very wealthy, and at the time Uriah was married, presented him with a farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres in Paint Township, Fayette County. His wife, in her maidenhood, was Miss Martha Greene, also a native of Greene County, but who had been taken by her parents to Fayette County when six weeks old. The young couple took up their abode in a log house, which was on their farm, and which gave way a few years later to a more comfortable frame structure, in which they still reside.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Paullin: Letitia, Mrs. Capt. Noah Jones, of Washington C. H., who departed this life September 9, 1875; Samuel J., whose sketch will be found on another page in this work, was the next in order of birth; Mary Margaret, who married J. M. Klever, resides in Paint Township; Sarah C., Mrs. Albert Hankins, also makes her home in Fayette County, as does Matilda J., now Mrs. J. M. Clarke; Lewis M. and Willie died at the respective ages of seventeen months and two years.

In his political relations, our subject voted the Whig ticket, and took an active part in the campaign of 1840, supporting Harrison. He has been in sympathy with the Republican party since its organization, voting for Benjamin Harrison in 1888. With his wife, he is a member of the Christian Church, with which denomination he has been identified for the past ten years. His father was a soldier in the War of 1812, and very prominent in his locality.

CAPT. WILLIAM H. KIRKENDALL. Among the old soldiers whose life records are to be found in the annals of Pickaway County, and whose bravery and endurance upon the battlefield and in the miserable prison pens of the South are a story well worth telling, we can give the name which appears at the head of this paragraph. His father, William Kirkendall, was a native Virginian, who came to Ohio by team at a very early date and began working on a farm near Mt. Sterling. Subsequently, he bought

property and began keeping one of the first hotels in Darbyville, Pickaway County. This he continued for years, and helped lay out the streets of that town. He was very popular with all classes, and on sporting matters he was a keen authority and judge. He was very fond of fine horses. He died about 1852. In politics, he was a Whig. His wife, who was formerly Miss Jane Trego, was a native of Ross County, Ohio. Her father was killed by a runaway team (see sketch of Andrew Trego). She died in 1855. Of the four children born to this couple, three are now living: our subject, Dr. John Theo, of Darbyville, and Frances, Mrs. John Fissell.

The original of this notice was born on the 22d of June, 1841, in Darbyville, Ohio, and attended the Union School until seventeen years of age, when he went on a farm for a Mr. McKinley. His home throughout life, except during his army experience, has been in this county, and naturally his interests are centered here. Young Kirkendall, when very little past nineteen years of age, enlisted, September 13, 1861, in Company D, Fifteenth United States Infantry, and was mustered in at Newport, Ky. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, and at the latter place, on the 19th of September, 1863, he received a slight wound in the head He was captured by the Confederates and taken to Belle Island, Va., where he remained one month. He was then taken to Richmond, Pemberton Bluff, across from Libby, until November, 1863, when he was conveyed to Danville, Va. There he remained in prison until April 17, 1864, when he was transferred to Andersonville Prison, where he suffered horrors untold. He remained in the stockade until September 13, 1864, when he was taken to Florence, S. C., and paroled as a prisoner of war on the 10th of December, 1864. While at Danville, he was on the parole of honor to assist at the small-pox hospital, for he was young and had a good constitution, and he appeared to bear a charmed life. At Newport, he was made Sergeant, and after the battle of Stone River, Company D was broken up and the men transferred to other companies, he being placed in Company A as Sergeant. After being paroled, he went to Ft. Adams, R. I, and was exchanged, and discharged there in February, 1865, after serving three years and six months. His war record, or character on his discharge, says:

An excellent soldier; served with distinction and bravery in battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Corinth, Champion Hill, and Chickamauga, where he was captured and held by the enemy until recently, and consequently could not receive his discharge until exchanged.

O. L. Shepard,
Colonel in command of Fifteenth Regiment.
Samuel R. Honey,
Acting Adjutant of Fifteenth Regiment.

Returning home, our subject went to work on the farm, and after his marriage rented a farm in Scioto Township for two years. After this, he was in Darby Township for a year, and then located in Darbyville, where he clerked for six years. Subsequently, he engaged in general merchandising in that place, continued it three years, and on the 6th of September, 1880, he came to Circleville, where he was proprietor of the Union House for four years. On the 1st of April, 1886, he was appointed by the State Board of Public Works as Foreman on the Ohio Canal, and had charge of that division of the canal from Columbus to West Fall, and was made Captain of the State canal boat with a crew of from eight to ten men.

Our subject was married in Darbyville on the 21st of December, 1865, to Miss Sarah A. Fissell, daughter of John Fissell, who was born in Pennsylvania, but who came to Ohio, where he was engaged in business as a merchant in Circleville, Five Points and Darbyville. He died in Darbyville in 1876. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Diffenderfer, was also of Pennsylvania nativity, having been born in Lancaster, and died in Circleville, at the home of our subject, in 1886, when seventy years of age. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were the parents of ten children, four sons being in the late war. Mrs. Kirkendall was the fifth in order of birth of these children, and was born in Circleville, where she remained until thirteen years of age. After this she was at Five Points from 1859 to 1863, and after that in Darbyville. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkendall are the parents of six children, who

are as follows: John T., a mechanic in the North American Tube Works, of McKeesport, Pa.; Frances, a graduate of the Class of '90, now a teacher in the public school in Circleville; Mabel was graduated in 1891, and is also a teacher; Mark, clerking in a grocery store; Estella and Harry, at home.

While a resident of Darbyville, Mr. Kirkendall was School Director for many years, was in the Council there for several years, and also served as Township Clerk. He was Assistant Postmaster for eight years. Since residing here, he has served in the City Council, and is an ardent Republican in his political views. He has been a delegate to the State conventions frequently, and was a delegate to the Ohio Republican League. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his wife, who is one of the most agreeable and pleasant of ladies, is also a member of the church. Socially, Mr. Kirkendall is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Groce Post No. 156, G. A. R., of which he was a charter member, and is now Past Post Commander. He was Aide-de-Camp on Gen. Warner's Staff Department Committee, and Trustee of the Memorial Hotel. Mrs. Kirkendall is a member of the Groce Post No. 68, W. R. C., of which she is a Past President and charter member.

MRS. JULIA A. (CALHOUN) CONVERSE, who has a beautiful home on her extensive and well-appointed farm in Canaan Township, situated five miles south of Plain City, is a native of Madison County, born amid its primitive scenes in the township where she has lived since her birth, October 30, 1826. She is a representative of the sturdy old pioneer stock of the State, her paternal grandfather, William Calhoun, a native of Ireland, who came to America when a young man, being one of the first settlers of Portage County, where her father, James Calhoun, was born in 1802.

The grandfather of our subject, a soldier in the War of 1812, afterward came to Madison County, and was a pioneer of Little Darby; he died near Sandusky, Ohio. Mrs. Converse's mother was Elizabeth Carpenter in her maiden days, and was a native of Pennsylvania. She was about eight years old when she came to Ohio with her parents, Samuel and Sarah Carpenter, who were early settlers of Licking County, where she was reared. Her father was of Irish descent and her mother of German extraction. Mrs. Converse's grandmother, on her father's side, was Jane Mc Olaster, a native of Scotland.

The parents of our subject were married in Canaan Township in 1823, and located on a farm five miles southwest of Plain City. A rude log house, with no doors or windows, stood on the place, and was their first home after marriage. The mother died in 1844, and two years later the father married Lucretia Burnham; about 1867 he left his home farm and spent his last days with his daughter of whom we write, by whom he was tenderly cared for until his death at the age of sixty-eight years. He was a strong Democrat in politics, and was a leader in township affairs. He was a man of sound common sense, keen and accurate in judgment, and of marked executive talent. His fellow-citizens placed great confidence in him, and often sought his advice, and his services were frequently required as administrator to settle estates. He was also an auctioneer and had charge of many sales. He held the office of Township Trustee, and various other local offices, and always acted for the best interests of the community. Of his five children, two died in infancy, and Mrs. Converse and Losson, a resident of Plain City, are the only ones that lived to maturity, she being the eldest of those who lived to be of any age.

Our subject was educated in the pioneer schools of Canaan Township, and in the home of her parents, of which she was an inmate until her marriage, she was carefully instructed in all that goes to make a good housewife, while principles of right living were early instilled into her mind. She was thus well fitted for the duties and responsibilities of wedded life and to preside over a home of her own, when she gave her hand and heart in marriage to James N. Converse, November 22, 1845. She cheerfully devoted herself to his interests,

and filled in a perfect measure her position as wife, friend, counselor and helper, and was thus potent in bringing about his prosperity. She is of an amiable, pleasant disposition, is thoughtful of others, and her social standing is high in the county, where she has always lived and has many friends. In her religious views, she is a strong Universalist, and is a prominent member of the society of that denomination that worships in Alder Chapel. Her husband willed her a farm of four hundred acres, which is under the management of her son Henry and her son-in-law, Cary Millikin.

James Converse was a native of Madison County, born in Darby Township, October 29, 1823, the eldest son of Charles and Phebe Converse. He was reared in his native township, and completed his education in its district schools. He early became a farmer, and after his marriage he and his bride began life together on a place five and one-half miles northwest of where she now resides, and they remained there some fifteen years. At the expiration of that time, they located on the farm that is now her home, and here he died May 24, 1887, and was laid to rest in the peaceful old cemetery at Plain City. He was a noble, whole-souled, large-hearted man, with a keen sense of honor and a genial nature, and the citizenship of his community met with a sad loss at his death. He was broad-minded and tolerant in his religious views and in his political sentiments. The former found expression in the Universalist faith, and he was a stanch member of the church of that denomination known as Alder Chapel, in Jefferson Township. In early life, he was an old-line Whig, but he later joined the Democracy, and ever after voted with that party. He was well known in township and county as a liberal contributor to all good causes, and as a promoter of the interests of the public in the various civic capacities in which he acted. He was at one time Trustee of the township, and he was Justice of the Peace, and also held all the school offices. Mr. and Mrs. Converse were blessed in their marriage by two children, a son and a daughter: Henry B., of whom a sketch appears in this volume, and Elizabeth Ann, wife of A. C. Millikin. They also adopted a daughter, at the age of ten months, Eva J. Stephens, who has been carefully reared. She was born in this township, October 28, 1875, and is now seventeen years old.

DAVID HOPKINS, a veteran of the late war, whose efficient soldiership raised him from the ranks to an official position, has a valuable farm in Fayette County, and is engaged in farming, although a resident of the city of Washington C. H. He is a son of Jeremiah Hopkins, who, for many years prior to his death, was a prominent citizen of this part of the State. The father was born in Washington County, Pa., and was of English descent. During some period of his life, probably in early manhood, he removed from his native county to Ross County in the same State, and lived there until he came to Fayette County in 1827, and identified himself with its sturdy, hard-working, brave pioneers. He first located in Wayne Township, in the northern part of the county, where he bought sixty-two acres of land. During his long residence there, he was prominent as a farmer and in its public life as Trustee of the township, which position he held with honor several years. He was successful in the accumulation of property, and in 1871 he retired from active business to Washington C. H. Here he passed from life to death in April, 1875, and thus closed the record of an upright, honorable man, who was a genuine Christian, and was for many years a leading member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. In politics, he was first a Whig, then a Free-soiler, and lastly a Republican. The maiden name of the mother of our subject was Nancy Claypool, and she was a daughter of a prominent pioneer of Ross County.

The subject of this biography is one of eleven children, of whom ten are still living. He was born January 29, 1834, in the pioneer home of his parents in Wayne Township, and was educated in the local public schools, and remained at home with his parents, affording his father valuable assistance in the management of his farm, until he

was twenty-seven years old. At that age, he entered upon his career as a soldier, springing with ready response and patriotic devotion to answer Lincoln's first call for seventy-five thousand volunteers to defend the honor of the Flag that had been fired upon at Ft. Sumter. His name appeared upon the roll of Company E, Twenty-second Ohio Infantry, which was commanded by Capt. John M. Bell. At the end of his three months' term of enlistment, our subject re-entered the army as a member of Company C, Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry, and again re-enlisted as a veteran in the same company, and he stood stanchly by his colors until after the war was closed, receiving his discharge papers in the middle of August, 1865. He had very soon shown that he possessed the rare qualities that make a good soldier, displaying true courage in the hour of danger, and always found at the post of duty, whether on the long and tedious marches or in camp, or on the battle-field, and always obedient to orders. His superiors trusted him implicitly, and he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant of his company. He saw much hard service, and was in many a battle and skirmish. He was at the battle of Shiloh or Pittsburg Landing, and was present at the siege of Vicksburg, and was active in the memorable two-days' assault on that rebel stronghold on the 19th and 22d of May, 1863. He was with Gen. Sherman on his famous march to the sea, and did his share of fighting during the siege of Atlanta and in the numerous engagements around that city, and at other times during the campaign. He was at Raleigh, N. C., when news reached them of Lee's surrender, and he went to Washington to take part in the Grand Review of the armies after the war was finally ended.

When Mr. Hopkins returned home and resumed the duties of a private citizen after his experiences as a soldier during those long and trying years of the rebellion, he remained with his father for a short time, and then married and established a home of his own, Miss Kate Kerr becoming his wife December 28, 1865. Mrs. Hopkins is a daughter of James and Nancy Kerr, who were formerly residents of Ross County, of which her father was a prominent farmer. After his marriage, our subject settled on a farm in Marion Township, this county, as a renter. Seven years later, he bought a farm in Wayne Township, and lived on it seven years. At the expiration of that time, he took up his residence in Washington C. H., where he has since made his home, and he is very pleasantly situated here. He still conducts farming, however, and with good profit, as he is an experienced farmer, and has a thorough knowledge of agriculture in all its branches, so that he is enabled to manage his farm after the most approved methods. He is a popular man among his fellow-citizens in this county, as he is of a genial, generous disposition, is friendly and helpful in his relations with his neighbors, and is wise in counsel. His war-record is commemorated by his connection with the Grand Army of the Republic. Politically, he is firm in his allegiance to the Republican party.

FRANK REIF, a representative of the grocery trade at Washington C. H., with a fine location on the corner of North and Court Streets, was born February 1, 1833, in Bavaria, Germany, and was educated in the excellent public schools of the Fatherland. His father, John Reif, was also of German birth and antecedents. He came to this country and passed his remaining days in Cass County, Neb.. He had married Margaret Wetzel in the Old Country, and she bore him five children, and died when our subject was a year and a half old.

When he of whom we write was twenty years of age, he came to the United States, and first located at Cincinnati, where he was variously employed some eight or nine months. He then went down the Ohio to Riverport, Ky., and remained there a short time, working at whatever he could find to do. From there he went to one place and another until he found himself in Washington C. H. in 1864. Here he first engaged in working in the spoke facory, and then he entered the grocery business in partnership with Peter Scheiman, under the firm name of Scheiman & Reif. He continued with that

gentleman from 1865 until 1870, and in the latter year went into business by himself. He continued so until 1877, when he entered the employ of Stimpson & Bro., and was engaged in their wholesale house two years, and for eight years was on the road in their interests. His next engagement was with Dahl & Baer, and he was subsequently with Welton & Buker for about six months. John Blackmore was his next employer. In July, 1891, he opened a store for himself for the sale of groceries, and he has built up a good paying trade already, as he is well known, has a thorough knowledge of the business, and enjoys a high reputation for honesty and trustworthiness. He handles a full line of staple and fancy groceries of all kinds and of the best grades, and is up to the times in everything pertaining to the trade. He has made himself a good name in the city of his adoption and is regarded with favor by all who know him. The Presbyterian Church finds in him a useful member, and the Democratic party an unswerving adherent.

Our subject was married in 1854 to Anna Mary Bentz, a daughter of Jacob and Katherine Bentz, residents of Piketon, Pike County, and Germans by birth. By this union were born three children: John, who is thirty-five years of age, and is engaged in the grocery business in this city; Anna Katherine, wife of Oscar McClellan, City Marshal; and William, who is in partnership with his father.

HEZAKIAH J. CROWNOVER. In Perry Township, Pickaway County, lies a tract of well-improved land, adorned by a comfortable residence, the usual buildings that advance so materially the success of the farmer, and the orchards that contribute so effectively to the enjoyment of rural life. The land is divided and subdivided into fields of convenient size for the raising of the various cereals and the pasturage of stock. Since Mr. Crownover settled upon the farm, he has contributed greatly to its development and has introduced the latest and best improvements in the way of farming machinery and implements, so that it now needs but a single glance to prove that the proprietor is a thrifty man.

The remote ancestors of our subject were from England and Holland, while his immediate progenitors were of Pennsylvanian birth. His parents, Hezakiah and Ruth Crownover, removed from the Keystone State in 1830 and made settlement in South Bloomingville, Hocking County, Ohio, where ten years later, on the 11th of September, 1840, their son, the subject of this notice, was born. He was only two years old when his parents removed to McCuneville, Perry County, this State, which was their home for ten years. Meanwhile, our subject attended the schools of the district and acquired a good knowledge of agriculture while working on his father's farm during the summer season.

In 1855, Mr. Crownover accompanied his parents to Perry Township, Pickaway County, where he still resides. He began life for himself at the age of twenty-one years with no moneyed capital except fifty-four cents and a Mexican coin. Two years later, he was enabled by economy and industry to establish a home of his own, to which he brought his bride May 3, 1863. Mrs. Crownover was known in maidenhood as Nancy Jane O'Neal, and was born in the Buckeye State, whither her parents had removed from Kentucky in 1828. The union of our subject and his estimable wife has been blessed by four children, who are living, namely: Ida M., who was born in 1864, and married John E. Busick, December 11, 1888; Esther E., born in 1867; Fanny M., in 1872, and Ansel H., in 1878.

Since coming to Pickaway County, Mr. Crownover has combined the occupations of miller and farmer. His homestead, being located on Deer Creek, affords admirable facilities for milling, as well as for stock-raising, which he carries on extensively. In politics, he is a Democrat, and has occupied several important positions, to which he has been elected by large majorities, notwithstanding the fact that his township has a majority of one hundred and twenty Republicans. In 1868, he was elected Township Trustee; in 1873, was

chosen for the office of Assessor, and the following year was elected Justice of the Peace, carrying every vote in his township with the exception of fifty-five. In 1880, he was elected Commissioner of Pickaway County by the largest majority ever received by any person, a fact which of itself sufficiently indicates the high place he occupies in the regard of his fellow-citizens.

ISAAC LUDWIG, who was a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War, is a native of Pickaway County, and is one of its practical, experienced farmers, who has contributed his quota to its upbuilding. He has a farm on section 4, Pickaway Township, that is complete in all its appointments, and is also the owner of a quarter-section of land in Marion County, Kan.

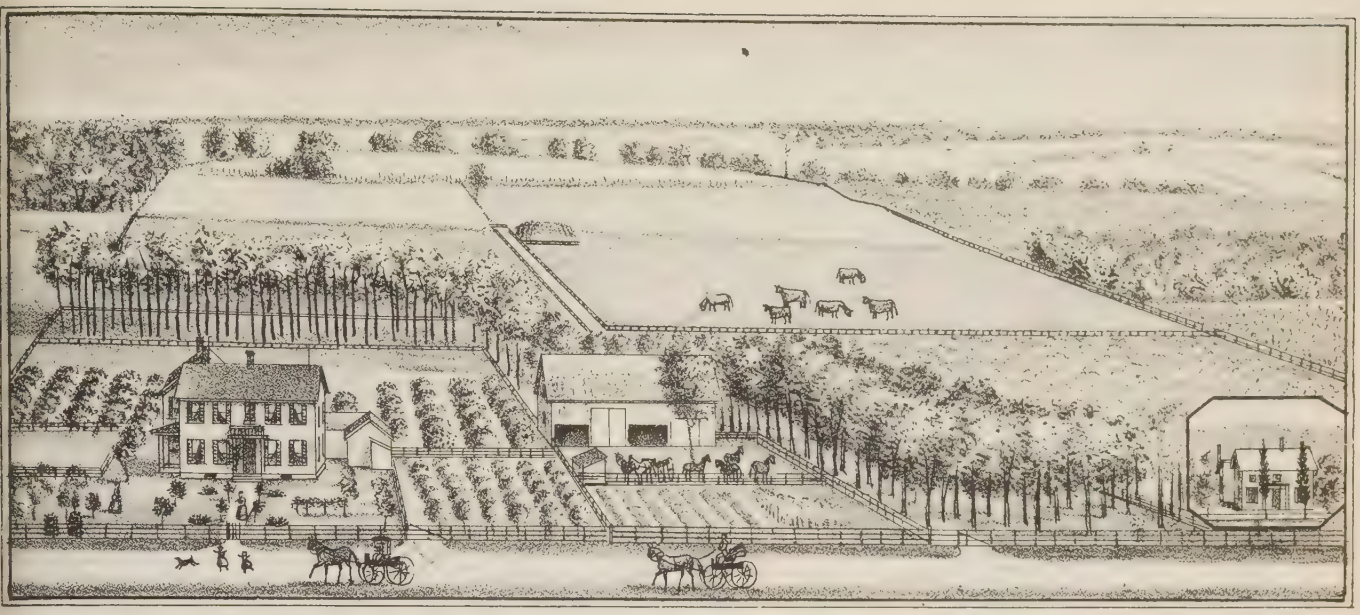
Mr. Ludwig was born on the old Ludwig homestead in Circleville Township, September 21, 1834. He was brought up under pioneer influences, and obtained his education in a log school-house such as was common in the early days of the settlement of the county. He was inured to the hard work of farming in his youth, and early became a skillful farmer. He remained at home, assisting his father in the management of the farm, until the second year of the war, when he threw aside his work to go to the front to help defend the Stars and Stripes. August 6, 1862, was the date of his enlistment in Company F, Ninetieth Ohio Infantry. He soon displayed excellent soldierly qualities, and fought well at the battle of Stone River, and in the other engagements in which he bore an active part. But, unfortunately, his usefulness as a soldier was terminated by his contracting a chronic disease which confined him in various hospitals for six months. He was in the general field hospital at Nashville, at Lanesville, Chattanooga and Bridgeport, and in the last-named hospital was discharged from the army on account of physical disability, November 23, 1863.

After his return from the South, Mr. Ludwig resumed farming as soon as he had sufficiently recovered to work, and has been much prospered. His home farm comprises one hundred and thirty-eight acres of rich and well cultivated land, and is well supplied with substantial buildings, modern machinery, and everything to facilitate agricultural pursuits, besides being well stocked with graded stock. His residence, a view of which will be noticed in this volume, is a large frame house, and there he and his family have a pleasant home, replete with comfort and coziness. Our subject is a plain-spoken, honest man, who never breaks his word when once given, and his neighbors know that he is one in whom they can trust unreservedly, and who will not fail them if they are in need of help or in trouble, and they have great respect for him. His politics are of the Democratic order, and he is always loyal to his party.

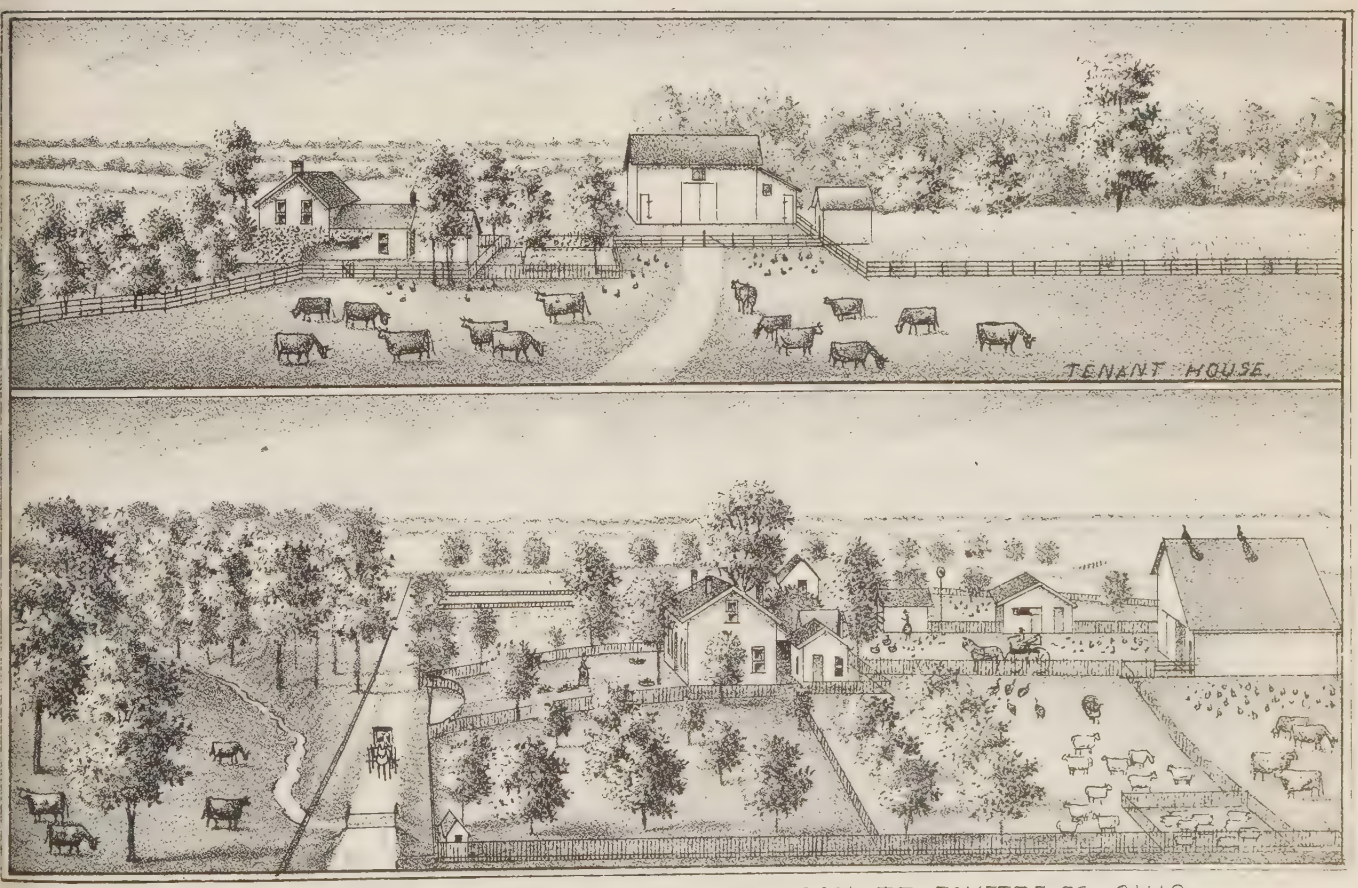
The marriage of Mr. Ludwig to Miss Charity Margaret, of this county, was solemnized February 1, 1882. Two children have been born unto them, whom they have named Cora E. and Mary M., respectively.

JOHN SALMON. This well-known name is borne by the proprietor of the Oakwood Breeding Farm, a view of which will be noticed on another page. Mr. Salmon has on his place in Madison Mills, Fayette County, full-blooded Shropshire sheep, trotting and draft horses, Poland-China hogs and Jersey cattle, and in addition to these, devotes considerable time and attention to breeding Mammoth Bronze turkeys, White China geese, Light Brahmas, White Single-comb Leghorns, Brown Single-comb Leghorns, Barred Plymouth Rocks, Langshans, and Duck-wing Game Bantams.

The original of this sketch was born in Paint Township, Fayette County, June 13, 1837, to Perry and Elizabeth (Moore) Salmon, the former of whom was also born in that township, April 10, 1810, and the mother in 1805. Perry Salmon was born, reared and died on the farm in Paint Township and did much toward the upbuilding and advancement of the county's interests. On the death of his father, he aided in clearing the estate



RESIDENCE OF ISAAC LUDWIG, SEC. 4, PICKAWAY TP, PICKAWAY CO., O.



RES. & FARM PROPERTY OF JOHN SALMON, MADISON TP., FAYETTE CO., OHIO.

of four hundred and forty acres from indebtedness, and passed to the land beyond, October 26, 1890, after a long and useful life. Our subject was one in a family of four children: his eldest sister, Lucretia, who was born August 21, 1842, married R. D. Lane and makes her home on the old place; Solomon, who was born November 17, 1833; our subject was third in order of birth; and Mary Ann Cleaber, who was born August 1, 1845, married John W. Tway and also resides on the old homestead.

The boyhood days of our subject were passed on his father's estate, and as the father was in poor health, the management of the place fell upon himself and brother. He received a common-school education and has been more than ordinarily successful in all his undertakings. His mother lived to be sixty-six years of age and departed this life in 1871. On both sides of the house his ancestors were German, his maternal ancestors locating at first in Virginia, whence they removed to Bourbon County, Ky., where the mother was born. She was about fifteen years of age when her parents came to Ohio, during which trip they lost many of their possessions in crossing the Ohio River, among which was the family record, so that the exact date of her birth is not known.

The paternal grandfather of our subject ran away from his father's home in Maryland when a boy, and made his way to Ohio, where he resided unknown to his people. In 1887, when some of his relatives were visiting in this State, they made the acquaintance of his descendants. Mr. Salmon of this sketch was married October 26, 1866, to Miss Mary Margaret, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Alkire) Green. Mrs. Salmon was reared to womanhood in Mt. Sterling, in the home of an uncle, William H. Alkire, and after her marriage located with our subject on the old homestead.

In 1875, our subject lost his comfortable fortune by going security for others, but, nothing daunted, commenced life again, this time locating in Paint Township, Madison County, where he rented land for three years. At the end of that time, he returned to the old farm and resided there until February, 1890, when he took up his abode in Madison Township. In 1861, Mr. Salmon began handling Poland-China hogs and from that developed his present enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Salmon became the parents of two children, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Salmon is a member of the Christian Church, in which body her father was a minister, while our subject is connected with the Methodist Episcopal denomination. In political matters, he is independent. He has been called upon to represent his district at various times on the School Board and has served as a Trustee of Paint Township. Socially, he is a member of the Grange and was President of the Alliance.

ISAAC ALLFREE, of Wayne Township, has lived on the fine farm that is still his home for more than half a century, and though not among the earliest settlers of Fayette County, is worthy to be classed among its pioneers as one who has reclaimed a goodly portion of soil from the forest wilds. He was born in Hardy County, Va., in 1808. His parents were Joseph and Polly (Keller) Allfree, the father of English descent, and they were life-long residents of old Virginia. The father's educational advantages were very limited, and when young in life he married a daughter of George Keller and set about building up a home. They reared a family of seven children, whom they named Anna, Betsy, Rebecca, Kate, Abraham, Isaac and David, respectively.

Our subject is the sole survivor of the family. His father died when he was thirteen years old, while his mother lived several years longer. When his father died, our subject began life on his own responsibility. His education was such as could be obtained in the district school of his native place, which was held in an old log schoolhouse. He worked out by the month during the early part of his career, and at the age of twenty-four had laid by enough to enable him to marry, and he was wedded to his cousin, Katherine Keller, daughter of George and Mary Keller. In the busy years that followed, she was a true helpmate, faithfully

performing her duties, and she was a good mother to the children born to them, eight in number, of whom these five are living: Mary C., Rebecca, David, Eliza J. and Eunice L. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Allfree married again, taking as his wife a most estimable young lady by the name of Maggie Jones, a daughter of Wells Jones, and she is a great comfort to him in his declining years.

In 1835 Mr. Allfree left his old home in Virginia with his family to seek another in the wilds of Fayette County. He located in the woods in Wayne Township, purchasing two hundred and fifty-five acres of wild land, which are comprised in his present farm. As a shelter for his family, he constructed a cabin of oak poles, hewn on the inside after it was completed, and he built a chimney of mud and sticks on the outside of the house. He worked industriously to clear his land and put it under cultivation, sometimes varying his labors by hunting deer, turkeys and such other wild game as abounded, that he might add to their limited bill of fare. He has improved the most of his farm himself, placing it under good tillage, and he has added to his original purchase sixteen acres more land. On this last tract stood a brick residence into which he moved, and is now passing the sunset of life in comfort, the result of his patient and unremitting toil earlier in life. He has always stood by the Democratic party in politics, and is a good citizen, who is much respected by his neighbors.

MELANCTHON WORTHINGTON is a wealthy and prominent citizen of Canaan Township, and is noted throughout Madison and adjoining counties as one of the most successful stockmen of this place, who makes a specialty of breeding Shetland ponies and trotting horses of the best strains. He has a home, beautiful and attractive, pleasantly situated five miles from Plain City, on the East Pike, which connects it with West Jefferson.

Our subject was born in the township in which he resides, in the village of Amity, December 9, 1841, being the date of his birth. He is a son of a late veteran of the Civil War, and is himself honored as a representative of that noble band of the sons of Ohio who went to the front to help preserve the Union, when the very life of this great Republic was threatened by foes from within. The father of our subject, Joel H. Worthington, was born in New London, Conn., in 1814, and was reared in his native town, learning the trade of a cabinet-maker in his youth. In 1836, he came, on his way home from the Florida War, to Cincinnati, and thence to Madison County, where he was a pioneer in his calling, opening a cabinet-shop in the little hamlet of Amity. He was engaged in manufacturing all kinds of furniture and coffins there until 1847, when he removed to Appanoose County, Iowa, and for a year resided in the village of Centreville. From there he went to Harrison County, Mo., and located in Bethany, where he carried on the cabinet business until 1856. In that year, he returned to this county, and again established himself in the village of Amity. He turned his attention to carpentering and painting, and was engaged at those callings when the war broke out. He had had some experience as a soldier in the Florida War many years before, and he was not long in deciding to again place his services at his country's disposal, he being among the first to enter the army, enlisting April 16, 1861. Discharged at the end of his three months' term of enlistment, August 16, he again enlisted on the 30th of the same month, and served until the following year. His third enlistment followed soon after, for he was nothing daunted by the hardships and miseries that he had previously undergone, but kept the light of patriotism burning brightly in his breast. In 1865, he received his final discharge, and returned to his home with the rank of Corporal, honorably earned by his bravery and fidelity. Ohio is where he died in 1878. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Polly Kinney, and she was born and reared in New York. She was still in early womanhood when she died in Iowa in her thirty-first year.

Our subject is the only child of his parents. He was but six years old when they took him to Iowa, but he had previously attended school in his native village. He was but eight years old when he was

deprived of a mother's tender care by her untimely death. When he was thirteen years of age, he left his father in Iowa and returned to Amity to live with his uncle, I. N. Worthington, with whom he remained until the breaking out of the Rebellion. Like his father, he too sprang to the defense of the Stars and Stripes, and in the hard and trying years that followed, well did he show his loyalty to his country on many a hotly-contested battlefield. He devoted the opening years of his manhood to the great cause for which the Union army fought, enlisting at first for three months in Company C, Eighteenth Ohio Infantry. He was honorably discharged the 16th of the following August, but soon re-enlisted for a longer term of service as a member of Company D, Fortieth Ohio Infantry, and was honorably discharged October 7, 1864, at Atlanta, Ga., receiving his pay at Louisville, Ky. He was with Gen. Garfield in the engagement at Middle Creek, and took part in many of the principal battles of the war. He had many a narrow escape from death, but fortunately escaped unscathed by bullet or bayonet thrust of the enemy. At one time, a ball passed very closely by his ear, and lodged in his blanket, which was strapped on his back.

When his soldier life was over, Mr. Worthington returned to the village of his nativity, and was soon engaged as a clerk in the store of Miss Delilah Lane, an ambitious, energetic and business-like young lady, who has since become his wife, and has contributed much, not only to his success in life, but to his well-being in other directions. Her store, which was for the sale of general merchandise, was two miles south of Amity on the place where she and our subject now reside. She was born in Amity, May 7, 1837, and is a daughter of Luther and Elizabeth (Morrison) Lane. She was reared in her native village, was given a good education, and at the youthful age of fourteen, the self-reliant, self-contained young miss taught school, getting a salary of $1.50 a week. But she was of a business turn of mind, and when fifteen years old, abandoned that profession to enter upon a mercantile career as clerk in her father's store. She learned perfectly every detail of the business, and at the end of eleven years bought out the concern of her father. She was remarkably successful in her venture, and during three years of the war cleared $1,200 annually. She added to her funds by judicious investments and by loaning her money at a good rate of interest. She was married to our subject, October 21, 1866, and then turned over the management of the store to him.

Mr. Worthington replaced the original store by a large brick building, erected at a cost of $3,000, and he also built a fine residence that cost the same amount, which stands on his present farm, and the buildings together are now worth $8,000. They have in Pike and Canaan Townships two hundred and twenty-nine acres of land, one hundred and eighty-eight in Brown Township, Franklin County, and also fine property in Columbus, which he exchanged for his stock of goods when he closed out his business as general merchant, said property including a substantial two-story dwelling, fitted up with all the modern conveniences. Mr. Worthington now devotes himself to raising blooded stock, and has one of the prettiest and best herds of Shetland ponies in the country, including a valuable stallion of that breed. He also has some very fine brood mares in trotting stock, and has some beautiful and swift-stepping horses, which have been bred on his place and have notable blood in their veins. He likewise has well-graded cattle, sheep and hogs.

Our subject has strong Republican proclivities, early manifesting his sympathies with the principles of the party, and fighting for them on Southern battlefields. When a boy, he taught a runaway negro to read, and from hearing his stories of slavery became an earnest Abolitionist. Our subject is a man of civic and social importance in his community. He has been Township Clerk, and is now Treasurer of the Township. He is prominently connected with the following organizations: Urania Lodge No. 311, F. & A. M., at Plain City; Lodge No. 412, I. O. O. F., at West Jefferson; Ardent Encampment No. 244, at the same place; for two years he has been Commander of Canton Lodge No. 72, at West Jefferson; both he and his wife are members of the Daughters of Rebekah; he is charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, at West Jefferson; he belongs to

the Chapter of Columbus, F. & A. M.; and is Commander of the Harry Scribner Post No. 222, G. A. R. Religiously, he is a member of the Darby Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Worthington have had two children, a son, who died in infancy, and a daughter, Lillie Maud. She is the wife of William C. Beach, of Jefferson Township, and the mother of two sons, Thomas Melancthon, who was named for his grandfather, and Welling. These children are the pride and delight of our subject's heart, and he takes great pleasure in them.

GEORGE W. BOTKIN, a leading and representative citizen of Paint Township, Madison County, was born October 10, 1822, about three miles from his present home, in Madison Township, Clarke County. His parents, Jeremiah and Anna (Ellsworth) Botkin, were both natives of Harrison County, Va., the former born October 31, 1784, and the latter January 1, 1790. The mother was a distant relative of Col. Ellsworth, who led the Zouaves, and was shot in the early part of the War of the Rebellion, at Alexandria, Va. The Botkin family was descended from two brothers of English birth, who in 1650 crossed the Atlantic and settled in Virginia. The parents of our subject came to Ohio in 1802, with their respective families, and were married December 9, 1806. For a few years they resided in Clinton County, where the eldest child, Jesse, was born November 5, 1807. About 1808, they removed to Clarke County, where Mr. Botkin bought land and carried on farming and wagon-making. The second child, Sanford, was born on Birch Creek, November 7, 1809. The other children were all born on the farm, which was the birthplace of our subject, and were: Ruhamah, born January 21, 1813; Margaret, March 13, 1815; Amos, May 15, 1817; Moses E., May 6, 1819; George, of this sketch; Anna, born May 10, 1827; and William I., April 8, 1832. The father of this family made his own way in the world, and was very successful, owning two hundred and fifteen acres of land at the time of his death. In early life he was a Whig, and joined the Republican party on its organization. He became a member of the Methodist Church when a young man, and was licensed to exhort. By all who knew him he was held in the highest regard. His death occurred September 7, 1861, and his wife passed away August 24, 1864. Two of his sons were in the army. William I., who was married and had two children, enlisted in 1861, in Company F, Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry, for three years' service, was taken prisoner at Philadelphia, Tenn., and incarcerated in Libby Prison, Belle Isle and Andersonville, where he died June 15, 1864. Our subject was a member of the one-hundred-day service. He enlisted May 2, 1864, and returned home on the 26th of August, the day after his mother's burial.

At the age of twenty-one, Mr. Botkin, began teaching at $12 per month. After being employed for three months, he was solicited to retain the school for another month, and was given an increase of salary of $1. For ten years, he followed teaching at intervals. He was married April 5, 1849, at the age of twenty-seven, to Miss Eliza S. Maxey, of Paint Township, who was born on the farm which is now her home, January 10, 1823. Her parents were Stephen and Fannie (Troxel) Maxey. Unto them have been born six children: Frances E., born April 13, 1850; Albert C., who was born November 13, 1851, and wedded Mary Tumbleson; Mary E., born January 4, 1853, is the wife of H. H. Snyder, a druggist of London, Ohio, and has five children; Florence I., born December 10, 1854, became the wife of Frank W. Pierce, and died, leaving two children; Stephen H., born September 23, 1856, resides in Madison County; and Anna J., born October 8, 1860, completes the family.

Mr. Botkin was in Fulton County, Ill., from September, 1847, until June, 1848, engaged in teaching school. After his marriage, he resided upon his father's farm for three years, when he removed to South Charleston, where he worked at the carpenter's trade for five years. In the meantime, he took a Western trip through Missouri and Iowa in 1857, in order to locate some land, but

did not do so. He removed to his present home April 17, 1860, and has resided there continuously since. He owns one hundred and seventy-eight acres of valuable land, under a high state of cultivation and well-improved, and his residence was erected by himself and sons. He is an enterprising and progressive citizen, and may truly be called a self-made man.

Mr. Botkin cast his first vote for Henry Clay in 1844, supported John C. Fremont in 1856, and has since been a stanch Republican. He has served as Township Trustee, and for the long period of eighteen years has been Justice of the Peace, which fact indicates his faithfulness to duty. Himself and wife are consistent and active members of the Methodist Church, in which he has served as Steward and Trustee. He has also been a prominent Sunday-school worker, and was Recording Steward for the circuit for six years. Socially, he is a member of McMillan Post No. 122, G. A. R., of South Charleston.

JOHN C. JONES, an enterprising and progressive farmer of Paint Township, Madison County, owns more than four hundred and fifteen acres of land, which he has under a high state of cultivation and well improved. The good buildings, the well-tilled fields and the neat appearance of the place, indicate the industry which has been one of the prominent characteristics of Mr. Jones through life.

He was born in Cumberland County, Tenn., June 11, 1817. His parents, Zacheus and Elizabeth (Key) Jones, were natives of Tennessee, and after their marriage emigrated to London, Ohio. The family is originally of English descent. The father of our subject died soon after coming to this State. He had secured some wild land but left his family in limited circumstances. The mother taught our subject to plow and he became her main support until she married Charles Atkinson, who lived but a few years.

Mr. Jones of this sketch remained with his stepfather, and at his death had charge of the Atkinson farm. At the age of twenty-one, he was married October 31, 1839, to Sarah A. Taylor, who was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, September 5, 1820. Her parents, Thomas and Isabel (Hume) Taylor, were early settlers and prominent citizens of Madison County. Mr. Jones continued to reside on the old farm in Deer Creek Township with his mother for a few years. In the meantime, he bought one hundred and twenty acres of land and began the development of the farm on which he now resides. It is now one of the most desirable places in the community, and its boundaries have since been greatly extended.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones were born eleven children: Mary Elizabeth, born September 11, 1840, is the widow of Capt. Watson. She had three children and resides in London, Ohio. William H., born May 23, 1842, is a farmer of Deer Creek Township, Madison County, and by his marriage has three children. Isabel was born June 1, 1844. John C., born August 29, 1846, died July 27, 1867. DeWitt Clinton, born September 5, 1848, married Miss Laura Hoeriger, of Columbus, and is a practicing attorney of that city. He served as Postmaster of Columbus under President Cleveland, and is a prominent Democrat. By his marriage he has two children, Eldon and Norma. Francis M., born June 3, 1852, is married and resides in Paint Township. George D., born May 25, 1854, is a well-known lawyer of Columbus. He married Eva Lattimer, of that city, and they have two children: Grace, born April 3, 1879, and Margaret Fuller, June 24, 1886. Thomas T. died at the age of three months. Flora born April, 21, 1861, is the wife of Freeman Murray, by whom she has one child. Ada, born October 7, 1863. Fannie, born October 20, 1865, is the wife of C. W. Adams, a lumber dealer of Cincinnati, and they have a little daughter, Hazel. Mrs. Jones, the mother of the family, was called to her final rest, November 18, 1886.

In connection with his home farm, Mr. Jones owns six hundred acres of well-improved land in Bates County, Mo., and is a stockholder in the National Bank of London, Ohio. He cast his first vote in 1840 for Gen. Harrison, and sup-

ported the Whig party until 1856, since which time he has been a stanch Republican. He has never failed to support a Presidential candidate of his party, although at one time, when in ill health, the doctor told him if he went to the polls his death would result. He has filled the offices of Justice of the Peace, Town Trustee and a Director of the Infirmary. He has always been found on the side of morality, temperance and integrity, and is regarded as one of the valued citizens of the community, respected by all for his sterling worth.

HENRY WRIGHT, who is the proprietor of a large and valuable farming property three miles south of Plain City, in Canaan Township, is a fine type of our self-made men, whose energy, persistent purpose and spirited enterprise have contributed in no small degree to the enduring prosperity of Madison County as one of the principal agricultural centers of the State.

Our subject was born in Frederick County, Md., February 17, 1827, a son of Henry Wright, who was a physician, and died when our subject was about seven years old. His mother bore the maiden name of Margaret Bogen, and was the daughter of German parents. She married a second time, becoming the wife of John Sager. From that marriage there were five children, of whom two are living.

The subject of this biography was his father's only son. When he was nine years old, he came to Ohio with his mother and step-father, and at the age of eleven the sturdy, capable little lad became self-supporting, working out by the month on a farm for his board, and he was so engaged until he was twenty-three years old. He then devoted the ensuing two years to learning the trade of wagon-maker with I. N. Worthington. At the expiration of that time, he bought the shop of his employer, and was interested in the manufacture of wagons for several years, winning a high reputation for his skill in that line. In 1864, he threw aside his business to join the brave boys in blue at the front to help fight his country's battles, and from that time until after the war ended, he did good service as a member of Company D, Twelfth Ohio Cavalry, receiving his discharge at Knoxville, Tenn.

Returning to Madison, Ohio, after his exciting and trying experiences of a soldier's life, Mr. Wright resumed his old business as a manufacturer of wagons, and conducted it successfully until 1877, when he sold his shop to John McWigin and Strickland and devoted himself exclusively to the management of his farm, which he had previously been carrying on in connection with his business. In the year 1875, he located in the village of Amity, and has lived here ever since. He has four hundred and twenty-eight acres of land in Canaan Township, which is divided into four different farms, each of which is well equipped and under the best of tillage. They are all under his supervision, and he is carrying on a profitable general farming business. He has secured all this land since 1875, and has been the sole architect of his own fortunes, as he had no one to give him a good start in life, never having had as much as $50 given him, and he had very early to live on his own resources. This was no misfortune to him, however, as it developed his manhood in a fuller degree and brought into greater prominence those sturdy traits that have enabled him to win his way against odds. He is a man of fine character and spotless reputation, and his fellow-citizens think highly of him. He is a Republican in politics, and has borne his part in the administration of public affairs, holding the responsible office of Treasurer of Canaan Township for many years. He is a devoted member of the Christian Church.

Mr. Wright was first married to Miss Elizabeth Mahaffey, who died in 1853, the year following their marriage, leaving one son, Albert, a successful school teacher in Canaan Township. Our subject's second marriage was with Miss Nancy Harris, and took place in 1858. She died in 1860, leaving two daughters: Elizabeth, wife of William Carr, of Washington Township, Franklin County; and Iva, wife of Cassius M. Walker, of Brown Township, Franklin County. Our subject's present wife was formerly Polly Dominy, a native of

Franklin County. They are the parents of eleven children, of whom nine are living, as follows: Harriet, wife of Charles Taggart, of Norwich Township, Franklin County; Ella, wife of Thomas Hummel, of Canaan Township; Howard, Maud, Laura, Della, Henry, Lissie, and Abby, all of whom are at home with their parents, with the exception of the married daughters.

WILLIAM H. PROFFITT, who resides in Midway, Madison County, was born in Rock Fish Township, Nelson County, Va., January 17, 1856, and is a son of Obediah Pickney and Mary Louisa (Walker) Proffitt. The father was born in Nelson County, Va., in December, 1829, and for many years followed farming, but about two years before his death went into a mill owned by his father-in-law, William Harrison Walker, who was a distant connection of Gen. William Henry Harrison. The Proffitt family was of Scotch origin. The father of our subject died June 17, 1862, in his native county, leaving three children, who were cared for by the mother. Mrs. Proffitt was born in Louisa County, Va., June 30, 1839, came to Ohio in the fall of 1880, and is now living in Midway.

Our subject, the eldest child, was only about six years of age when his father died. Quite early, he began working in the tobacco fields in the summer months, and in the winter season worked at the carpenter's trade with his maternal grandfather. He did not attend school between the ages of nine and fifteen years. After that, his education was not so badly neglected. At the age of nineteen, he came to the home of his uncle, John R. Winfield, near Midway, Ohio, and began working by the month as a farm hand. He attended school the following winter at Midway and the next winter at Bloomingburgh Academy, after which he passed an examination for a certificate, and began teaching in the spring of 1877. He has taught each succeeding winter since that time, except in 1882, 1884 and 1891. In 1881, he bought his little home of thirty-two acres, which he operated for a few summers, and then sold, but in 1891 he again purchased it.

On the 10th of August, 1885, Mr. Proffitt wedded Miss Belle S. O'Day, of Midway, who was born in Madison County, January 3, 1860, and is a daughter of Thomas and Isabel (Timmons) O'Day. Her mother died when she was but a few weeks old. Her father was again married, and is a prosperous farmer of Pleasant Township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Proffitt have been born two children: Homer Franklin, born June 29, 1886; and Edgar Henry, born February 12, 1889.

Mr. Proffitt supports the Democratic party. He has served as a Councilman for five years, and was elected Clerk of Midway in April, 1892. He served as Clerk of the School Board for several years in Midway special school district, and in 1886 received the appointment of County School Examiner, which position he has since filled. He belongs to Leanore Lodge No. 512, A. F. & A. M., of Midway, and the Chapter of London. Himself and wife hold membership with the Presbyterian Church, in which he is an Elder, and is serving his second year as Sunday-school Superintendent. He has led a busy and useful life, and well merits the high regard in which he is held.

MADISON HAMMEL, M. D., a practicing physician and surgeon of Circleville, has the honor of being a native of this city. He was born December 22, 1840, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Pickaway County. His grandfather, John Hammel, was born in Virginia, and his father was a native of Germany and the founder of the family in America. John Hammel, accompanied by his family, came to Ohio in 1806, making the journey with a team and wagon. He entered land in Clear Creek Township, Fairfield County, becoming one of the early settlers of that locality. He broke his arm the first winter and had to go forty miles to a doctor. His home was a log cabin, and wild game, which was to be found in abundance, formed the principal article of diet.

Though he had many hardships to endure at first, he became a successful man and the owner of a highly improved and valuable farm of one hundred and sixty acres. He reared a family of twelve children.

The father of our subject, Isaac Hammel, was born on the new farm in 1813, and remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, when he came to Circleville and learned the carpenter's trade. In 1837, he wedded Mary Funk, who was born in Fairfield Township, and was a daughter of Abraham Funk, a native of Virginia, who emigrated by team to Ohio in 1810. He entered land on the present site of the State Reform School, built a log house and there engaged in farming. He afterward removed to Circleville, where his death occurred at the age of seventy-eight years. His father owned a large mill in Virginia. His second son served in the Revolutionary War. Abraham Funk, although but a boy, drove a team in the Revolutionary War, carrying provisions.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hammel located in Circleville. He built a house in the midst of the cornfield, on what is now East Franklin Street, and became a successful contractor and engaged in business until seventy-five years of age, when he retired to private life. He died on the 13th of April, 1889. He was a prominent citizen, an upright, honorable man, and was a leading member of the Lutheran Church. In politics, he was a Democrat, and served for three terms as Township Trustee. Mrs. Hammel passed away on the 12th of September, 1873. In the family were seven children, five of whom are now living. Catherine is the wife of R. H. Moore, of Circleville; the Doctor is the next younger; Ella makes her home in Circleville; Carrie is the wife of William Atkinson; Edson died in 1890; Martha is the wife of J. Christie; and Daniel is the Chief of the Fire Department in Chillicothe, Ohio.

Dr. Hammel began his education in the common schools and afterward attended the graded schools and the High School. The war came on, and, prompted by patriotic impulses, he enlisted in the United States service in 1861, but his father exercised his parental authority and the Doctor returned home. On the 11th of August, 1862, he again enlisted, becoming a member of Company A, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Infantry. He was mustered in at Camp Circleville, and then went South to Memphis. He participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post, Port Gibson, Champion Hill, Black River Bridge and the siege of Vicksburg. He afterward went to Texas, and finally mustered out at Houston, Tex., July 31, 1865. He was a faithful soldier, always found at his post of duty.

When the country no longer needed his services, Mr. Hammel returned home, and in the autumn began the study of medicine under Drs. Griswold & Wilder. In the fall of 1866, he entered the medical department of the University of Michigan, and the following year became a student in the Ohio Medical College, of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1868, with the degree of M. D. He located at Five Points, where he engaged in practice for six months, and then spent a half-year in Waterloo, but since the spring of 1869 he has made his home in Circleville and has successfully engaged in practice. He served as Township Physician four successive years, from 1869 until 1873, was then County Jail Physician from 1874 until 1881, and in February, 1882, was employed as physician at the Infirmary, but in the latter part of the year he resigned on account of the mistreatment of the inmates by the Superintendent and Matrons, who did not carry out his directions or see to the sanitary affairs of the building. In consequence, Dr. Hammel resigned, and denounced the management of the institution. Since that time he has given his attention to private practice, and his skill and ability have gained him a liberal patronage.

On the 25th of June, 1868, in Five Points, Dr. Hammel wedded Miss Martha Sommers, who was born near Bourneville, Ross County, Ohio, and is a daughter of Henry Sommers, an agriculturist. They have a pleasant home on the corner of Water and Court Streets, where the Doctor's office is also located. In his social relations, he is a member of Groce Post No. 156, G. A. R., of which he has been Surgeon, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and has held all the offices. He was a Secre-

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tary of the Monumental Committee of Groce Post, and largely through his influence and efforts a fine monument was erected and dedicated to the brave boys in blue, who gave their lives for the Union. In 1888, the Doctor attended the National Grand Army Encampment at Columbus, where he met many of his old comrades. In politics, he is independent. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church, of which he has served as Elder. He was also President of the Pickaway County Medical Society, and has been a member of the State Medical Society.

WILLIAM L. MORGAN. The portrait on the opposite page represents one of the prominent farmers of Scioto Township, Pickaway County. He has a fine, large brick residence only one-half mile from the village of Morgan, which is situated on the banks of Darby Creek and bears his name, as he was one of the most active in building up its interests. He was born in Franklin County Ohio, in Pleasant Township, February 24, 1837. His father, Joseph Morgan, also a native of Ohio, was born March 8, 1801, and was a son of William, and a grandson of John Morgan.

The great-grandfather of our subject was of Welsh birth and came to this country from London, England. He became a soldier of the Revolutionary War and later farmed in Pulaski County, Va. He was a pioneer preacher of the Methodist Church, devoting much of his time to preaching in the scattered settlements, and lived to a good old age. His son William was a farmer and an extensive stock-dealer. He was married in Virginia and came to Ohio in 1800, journeying by team and wagon across the mountains and making a settlement in Ross County at the mouth of Deer Creek, where he bought land and built a log house. Here he underwent the hardships of pioneer life, and used to journey on horseback to Zanesville with two sacks of wheat across his horse and return with two sacks of salt, obtained by barter, as there was practically no money in the State at that time.

In 1808, William Morgan removed to Fayette County, settling near Yankeetown, where Indians were all about him. He erected a log house, in which the family lived for the first summer without its being completed, as he had no time to go on with his building on account of the necessity that he should clear some ground and raise a crop. So through that summer they lived without roof, door or window, going in and out of this primitive abode by means of two ladders, one on the inside and one on the outside, the latter being taken in at night to prevent unexpected calls from the Indians. There this brave family lived and developed a farm, and came in time to own more than fifteen hundred acres of land. The father was a large stock-raiser and used to drive cattle to the Philadelphia and New York markets. He was a man of large business capacity, a Whig in politics and a Methodist in religion, and lived to be seventy-six years of age.

The father of our subject married Rachel Foster, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, in 1806, and they became the parents of nine children, of whom the following grew to maturity: William L., John F.; Martha, who became Mrs. Chenoweth; Mary, Mrs. Chenoweth, and Elizabeth. The mother of these children died at the age of forty-two. She was an active member of the Methodist Church. Her father, John Foster, who was of Scotch descent, was a native of Virginia and an early settler in Ross County, where he carried on the double calling of farmer and Methodist preacher. He was very prominent in the community, and in the opinion of his neighbors was a veritable sage, to whom they came for counsel under all circumstances, and he did much to establish the cause of religion in those pioneer days. He lived to a good old age, and reared twelve children, nine daughters, and three sons, all of whom grew to maturity and established families of their own.

Our subject passed his boyhood days as did all lads of pioneer times, and began for himself upon reaching his majority, about which time his father died. He carried on the home farm for three years before his marriage and finally settled upon it permanently. It was on the 6th of July, 1865, that he was united with Mary E. Morgan. Upon his beautiful estate of five hundred acres, he for-

merly raised cattle in large numbers, but of late years has sold most of his grain and now rents out all his land.

In 1884, the Midland Railway was secured here by the efforts of Mr. Morgan and others, and on his land in 1885 he laid out the town of Morgan, which has grown to be quite a flourishing village. Mr. Morgan platted and laid out sixty lots, all of which, with the exception of six, have either been sold, or built upon by him. He has made three additions to the plat and expects soon to make another. In organizing the village of Morgan, he put a provision in every deed forbidding any one to keep a saloon on the lot. A man undertook to run contrary to this regulation last year and our subject began action in court, which action was sustained by law and the saloon had to close.

The Methodist Church is highly favored in having such active and liberal members within its number as Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, who are ever ready to devote time, effort and means to promote its interests and the cause of religion, and whose intelligence and character make them people of influence in the community. Although in no sense a politician, our subject is stanch in his adherence to the principles of the Republican party. His beautiful home is elegantly furnished and is a delightful center of social life.

HON. DANIEL HAAS, a well-known farmer residing on section 4, Washington Township, and present Representative of his district in the Ohio Legislature, is one of the native-born sons of Pickaway County of whom she may well be proud, as he has won his way to positions of honor and trust solely through his ability and own merit. His birth occurred in Walnut Township, on the 14th of August, 1839, and he is a son of the venerable Jacob Haas, who is honored as a pioneer of this county, and is still living in Walnut Township, on the fine farm that he purchased in a wild condition more than sixty years ago and redeemed from its primitive state. The father was born in Berks County, Pa., in 1809. He learned the trade of a blacksmith in early life and worked at it several years. In 1830, he came to Ohio, and has since lived in Walnut Township. He has been prominent in its public life and in religious circles. He has been a devoted member of the Evangelical Association many years, and has been very active in church work, holding various official positions, such as exhorter, leader, steward, etc., and has been an influence for much good. He married Rebecca Miesse, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of John Miesse, who was a Pennsylvanian farmer until he established himself as a pioneer farmer of Fairfield County, this State. The mother of our subject was an earnest Christian, belonging to the same church as her husband, and she lived to the ripe old age of eighty-seven years.

He of whom we write is one of nine children, four of whom are living. He was reared under the best home influences, principles of the highest integrity being early instilled into his mind by his worthy parents. He was early inured to farm work, but was also given excellent educational advantages, by which he profited, as he was naturally a bright, quick scholar. From the local district school, he went to a school in Circleville, where he spent a short time, and for about eight months pursued a course of study in the academy at Greensburgh, paying his own way and working with zeal and industry to obtain the means to do so. After leaving school, he entered the teacher's profession at the age of twenty-two and soon made his mark as an intelligent educator, so that his services were always in demand. For some time, he was Principal of the Ringgold Schools and had charge of other schools in different localities, spending in all fourteen hundred and fifteen days in the school room. He had remained at home until he became of age, and during the time he was teaching found time to complete a commercial course in Lebanon.

Our subject eventually turned his attention to farming, locating in Walnut Township, where he owned a farm. In 1872, he sold that and purchased the one on which he now lives on section 4, Washington Township. This contains one hundred and twenty acres of good land, under a high state of

cultivation and provided with a neat and commodious set of buildings. The residence is a large and sightly brick house, erected since the farm came into Mr. Haas' possession, convenient in its arrangements and cozy and attractive as a home. Our subject has not been actively engaged in farming the past few years, although he carefully superintends the management of his property, as his attention is given to other business; he has been appointed executor and trustee of estates, and has had many to settle since he entered upon the duties of his position. He is regarded as a man of fine judgment and of more than ordinary business acumen, and has a high reputation for unswerving honesty and sound integrity in looking after other people's interests. So highly is he regarded by his fellow-citizens, they have often honored him and themselves by calling him to responsible offices, and his sagacity and talent for affairs have been of great help in administering public duties.

Mr. Haas is a leader among the Democrats of this section and has been delegate to several county, district and State conventions. He has served as Assessor of his township, and was Land Appraiser for the same in 1880. He was at one time made Justice of the Peace, but he resigned the office before the expiration of his term. In the fall of 1891, his fellow-Democrats selected him as their most available candidate for the Legislature, and he was elected. He has shown by his course since he became an incumbent of the office that he is eminently fitted to fill it, as regards his native talent, and also by reason of his sense of the responsibilities thus imposed upon him as a loyal and public-spirited citizen holding a high civic position. He is a member of the Water Commission, of the Committee on Federal Relations, and of that on Geology, Mines and Mining.

Our subject was married, in 1866, to Miss Sarah J. Gray, and their domestic relations are of the pleasantest character. Two children have been born unto them: Cora A., wife of Henry F. Hampshire, a farmer of Washington Township, and Florence M., who is at home with her parents. Mrs. Haas is also a native of Pickaway County and is the only daughter of John and Lucinda Gray, who were Pennsylvanians. Her paternal grandfather, Joseph Gray, was born in England, and came to this country during the Revolution. It was he who swam the Potomac River to deliver to Gen. Washington the news of the surrender of Gen. Cornwallis at Yorktown. John Gray, who was a farmer, came to Ohio in 1825, in the opening years of a vigorous manhood, did fine work as a pioneer of Pickaway County and died in 1888, aged eighty-six years. His wife, Lucinda Beavers, had been previously married to John Martin.

Mr. Haas has fought his own way in life, not staying to query whether or no it were worth living, but striving to make it so, and success has followed his efforts, if we are to judge by the respect that is paid to him. Both he and his wife are among the foremost members of the Evangelical Association, in which he has filled various positions, and their names are associated with much that has been done to elevate the religious and social status of the community.

JOSHUA BAILEY MORGRIDGE, of Darby Township, who is one of the wealthiest and best representatives of the farming, stock and landed interests of Madison County, is widely and prominently known throughout Ohio, as a leader in the People's party. He wields an important influence on the political destinies of this section as one of the most able and gifted expounders of the doctrines of his party within its ranks.

Mr. Morgridge was born August 2, 1814, amid the beautiful hills of Vermont, in the town of Berlin, Washington County, three miles from Montpelier. He is the fourth son and seventh child of Richard and Sally Morgridge, who are represented in the biography of our subject's brother. When our subject was but two years old, the family migrated from his birthplace to the wilds of Ohio, and when he was five years old, they settled in Madison County. Occasionally in his boyhood he went to school in the primitive log schoolhouses of the time, with their rude home-made furnishings, and, in order to reach them, he had to

go nearly two miles over the wet prairies. He only went to school about thirty-five days in the year, but was taught at home by his mother, and from her instructions learned more than he ever did at school.

At the boyish age of ten years, the lad became independent, going out to work for his own living, and when fourteen years old he was able to do a man's work, so vigorous, strong and industrious in his habits was he. He was an expert in handling the scythe and hand-rake in haying time, and with a rope, used to haul the hay to stack it in the field, plowing around the stack to keep the fires from it. His father broke down in health before Mr. Morgridge was twenty-one years old, and he helped his mother carry on the farm. He also became noted as a teacher, and engaged in that profession in fourteen counties, numbering among his pupils many who afterward became noted as prosperous farmers, merchants, inventors, mechanics, civil engineers, lawyers, doctors, educators and county sheriffs, and had one who afterward became a preacher. He received $1 a month from his pupils for their tuition.

When our subject turned his attention to farming permanently he bought and located on one hundred and thirty acres of his present farm. He was not then able to pay for it, but devoted his energies to wiping out the debt, for he had a great aversion to owing any one. It happened that when he was a boy of ten years, his father was arrested for debt, but, though he was released in a short time, it made a great impression on the child's thoughtful mind, who then first began to realize that poverty was inconvenient and oftentimes humiliating. He says that the purpose and fixed resolution of his life then rushed to his mind to avoid debt when possible, and that is the advice that he would give to every young man if he values his comfort and freedom.

By dint of persistent hard labor, Mr. Morgridge was not long in paying for his first purchase, and he next added to it by the purchase of one hundred and forty acres at a sheriff's sale. At another time, he bought five hundred acres of land, the largest tract that he ever bought in one lot. He now owns twenty-four hundred acres of fine farming land in this vicinity, all of which has been developed under his supervision, is fenced into two convenient fields, and well drained by ditches and tiles. The comfortable and commodious residence that he occupies is on his farm five miles southwest of Plain City in Darby Township, where he has substantial and conveniently arranged buildings for every purpose, and all the modern improvements of a model farm. He has a large number of fine stock, comprising from one to three hundred cattle, from one thousand to twenty-four hundred sheep, and from twenty-five to sixty head of horses and colts.

Besides his valuable property in this State, Mr. Morgridge has large landed interests in Kansas, consisting of a farm of six hundred and forty acres and pasture land of more than ten thousand acres, which have come into his hand by the foreclosure of mortgages. His son resides on his Kansas farm, keeping bachelor's hall, and superintending its management, and he has from one hundred and fifty to three hundred head of cattle there. Our subject has never taken stock in any joint stock company, except one, and then he found that the assessments amounted to more than the dividends. He has never had a partner in any of his transactions, or been helped to a dollar of his fortune by any friend. All that he has, and all that he is, he owes solely to his indomitable ambition, determination to succeed in life, far-reaching foresight, and his ability to plan and execute his undertakings with unerring sagacity.

Mr. Morgridge was married in 1850 to Miss Hannah Tuttle, a native of Connecticut, in whom he had a devoted wife. She had come from her native State to this at the age of twelve. She was a lady of strong character, well read and well educated, had a remarkable memory, and was positive in her convictions. Her death, in March, 1889, caused great sorrow, not only in the household, but among the many who knew her and appreciated her great worth. She was the mother of eight children, two sons and six daughters, namely: Josephine, wife of R. W. Thompson, of Union County; Blanche, wife of John Florence, of Madison County; No Ira, wife of A. Jay Dyer, of Delaware County; May, wife of Perry Rowlen,

of East Pittsburg, Pa.; Ruth, wife of Al Williams, of Madison County; Harriet, wife of Charles Butler, of Madison County; Hotchkiss and William.

As before mentioned, our subject is a prominent factor in local politics. He voted the Democratic ticket thirty-seven years without a scratch, but long before he left its ranks he saw and felt the need of a new party, for as a thoughtful man and an intelligent observer, he realized that the scope of the old one was not broad enough to suit the exigencies of the times. For seven years, he was ready and waiting to join forces with others who held like views, and at length he had the happiness to assist in the organization of the first Farmers' Alliance in Madison County. He was present at the great Farmers' Convention at Galion in 1890, and was active in its deliberations as one of the Committee on Resolutions. He was sent as a delegate to Cincinnati when the People's party was formed and named, and in the Camp of 1891 he was nominated by the People's party for State Senator, to represent the district composed of Madison, Clarke and Champaign Counties, and was endorsed by the Democratic Central Committee of each of those counties, but the counties were so overwhelmingly Republican that he was defeated at the polls. Mr. Morgridge was a delegate to the great Labor Convention held at St. Louis is 1892, which excited so much interest among all classes that the largest hall in the city was found to be too small to hold all that wished to be present at the meetings.

The People's party has no more enthusiastic or devoted worker within its ranks than our subject, who has done important service in its organization and upbuilding in this section. He is thoroughly conversant with its object and aims, and has done much to acquaint his fellow-citizens with its principles and to rouse their interests in the new movement by his earnest and eloquent speeches, which show careful study of the subject and are replete with facts bearing on the case that can only have been gathered through a wide range of reading. He is also a welcome speaker at farmers' institutes and similar gatherings, and his practical, interesting addresses, replete with useful information and containing frequent happy hits, are of much benefit to his fellow-farmers, who are glad to profit by his experience and observation. He served as delegate-at-large to the Omaha Convention, the first held by the People's party to nominate candidates for President and Vice-president. He is now (1892) a candidate on that ticket for Congress from the Seventh Congressional District, comprising the counties of Madison, Pickaway, Fayette, Clarke, and Miami.

SILAS M. SEEDS, M. D. This well-known physician and druggist at Commercial Point, Pickaway County, is an old resident of this vicinity, and was born on the south line of Franklin County, Ohio, September 22, 1836. His father, Dr. John Seeds, was born in Pennsylvania in 1801, and his grandfather, William, was a native of Ireland, who came to America alone when a young man, and after living for a number of years in Pennsylvania, journeyed by team and wagon to Ohio during the '20s. He located in the northern part of Scioto Township, Pickaway County, and although poor, bought some land, which he proceeded to develop. He was a hard worker and good manager, and became a prosperous farmer, living to be near seventy years old.

The father of our subject was a young man when he came here with his parents, and remained with them until he married, settling near the boundary line of Franklin County, Ohio. He there owned one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, which he cleared and improved, and, being a man of much intelligence and extensive reading and of indomitable energy and industry, he became a marked man in the community.

Dr. John Seeds was one of the mainstays of the Christian Church, and was most faithful in his devotion to the cause of religion. He married Asenath Britton, who was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Va., in 1807, and who came here with her parents when only two years old, being brought hither across the mountains on horseback. Mr. Britton came with a colony of the Christian Church,

and was their preacher and shoemaker, with which two vocations he mingled that of a farmer. They settled ten miles west of Columbus, and did their trading at Chillicothe. This good man did much to establish the church in that part of Ohio, and lived to be eighty odd years old, having reared a family of three sons and six daughters.

The mother of our subject is still living and now, in her eighty-fifth year, she resides with this son. His four brothers and sisters are Henry, Britton, William, Zenas, Eliza J. and Elizabeth. The father died when Silas was but twelve years of age, and his childhood and youth were spent upon a farm, and in the rudely-constructed district schoolhouse. He had been for two years under the instruction of his father, who was a teacher, and later pursued his studies with much zeal and interest. At seventeen years of age, he entered Central College, east of Columbus, and after two years there, attended the Capital University, of Columbus, spending part of the year there.

The young man now undertook the calling in which his father had done honorable service, and taught much of the time for the next decade, reading medicine in the meantime under William J. Scott, of Shadeville, Franklin County, who is now a Professor in the Medical College at Cleveland. After two years of private study, he entered the Michigan University of Ann Arbor, but his professional studies were cut short by his enlistment in the Union army. He was given a commission as Surgeon in 1862, serving for over three years, being under Gen. Sherman all that time. Among the most important battles at which he was present were those of Nashville, Stone River, Resaca, and Chickamauga.

Upon being mustered out of service at San Antonio, Tex., December 5, 1865, and receiving his discharge at Columbus in January, 1866, he located in Commercial Point, and for ten years carried on a practice here. Later, he practiced at Vernon, Shiawassee County, Mich., during which time he lost his wife, and subsequently returned to Commercial Point, where he has practiced since 1877. In 1883, he established a drug store in the two-story brick building which he erected, and he has built up a very important and extensive practice. His first wife, to whom he was united in February, 1866, bore the maiden name of Emma M. Deyo, and was a native of Ann Arbor, Mich. Her one child, Jesse, is married and resides here, is a teacher in this township, beside having an interest in the drug store. Mrs. Emma Seeds died in 1876. She had for years been a member of the Presbyterian Church, but just previous to her decease united with the Methodist body.

The marriage of Dr. Seeds and Miss Lizzie Cassady took place in September, 1877. This lady was born in Ross County, Ohio, and is the mother of two children, Karl and Otto, both of whom are in school here. Both the Doctor and his wife are earnest and active members of the Methodist Church and faithful in their attendance upon its services. Their pleasant home is located in a fine, large frame residence which was put up in 1891. The Doctor is a Democrat in politics, and has served four years as Trustee of his township, two years as Clerk, and two years as Mayor of the village. He is a demitted member of the Masonic order, and belongs to the lodge of Odd Fellows at Commercial Point.

JOHN L. MISER, who is prosperously engaged at his business as a blacksmith at Washington C. H., enjoys the reputation of being one of the most skilled of the men of his calling in this part of Fayette County. He was born in Cincinnati, January 8, 1851, and is a son of the late John Miser, who was for many years a prominent citizen of this city and township. The father of our subject was born in Putnam, Muskingum County, November 15, 1818, opening his eyes to the light of the world amid pioneer surroundings. His father, Peter Miser, was also a resident of that county. Of his four children, three sons and one daughter, the father of our subject was the eldest. He left his native place when he was a young man, having learned the trade of a blacksmith of his father, and, making his way to Illinois, he worked

at his calling in Marietta and other towns until 1848, when he returned to his native State, and for three or four years resided in Cincinnati. In the spring of 1852, he came from that city to this, and first engaged in blacksmithing with a Mr. Weller, who had learned his trade of Peter Miser, the grandfather of our subject. That partnership lasted several years, and then John Miser started up for himself, and continued in the business until 1864, when he went into the carriage business. He carried on that until 1876, when failing health obliged him to retire. He died April 9, 1889, and was greatly lamented by the entire community where he was so well known, and where he had passed thirty-seven years of his life. He was a strict Republican in politics, and stood by his party until death. His first Presidential vote was cast for Gen. Harrison, of Tippecanoe fame, and his last for his grandson, the Gen. Harrison of to-day. He was honored by his fellow-citizens by being placed in offices of trust. He was Township Trustee for a number of years, and was a member of the City Council for a term or two. He was one of the leading members of Fayette Lodge No. 107, A. F. & A. M., in which he held the offices of Treasurer, Senior Warden and Senior Deacon. John Miser was married in the city of Cincinnati to Miss Allie, daughter of James Warden, and they had a family of three children, two sons and one daughter: John L., Hiram R., and Maggie, who is now dead. Hiram is a carriage-trimmer in this city.

John L. Miser, of this sketch, was but a little over a year old when his parents brought him to Washington C. H. At that time, there were no railways in this vicinity, the nearest one being at Xenia, and from that point the family came to this city with a team. Our subject received a good education in the city schools, and when it was completed he turned his attention to learning the trade of a blacksmith, under the instruction of his father, and, like him, in due time he became an able mechanic, who could turn his hand to anything in his line, becoming very expert in the use of his tools. He is now in business for himself, and has a well-equipped smithy on East Street, between Fayette and Main Streets. He has all the business that he can handle, and is accumulating a comfortable competency by his industry and close attention to his work. He is a man of sound understanding, of correct habits, and is highly regarded in this city, where the most of his life has been passed. In politics, he is an outspoken Republican. Socially, he is a member of Fayette Lodge No. 107, A. F. & A. M., and he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The marriage of Mr. Miser with Miss Sallie Snyder was solemnized October 23, 1877, and they have one son, Frank T., who was born December 25, 1881. Mrs. Miser is a daughter of William Snyder, who was in business in this city as a butcher at the time of her marriage, and had been a great stock dealer in his time, and was a prominent citizen of Washington C. H.

MARCELLUS GOSSARD, one of the prominent farmers and stock-raisers of Range Township, Madison County, was born in Fayette County, May 11, 1847. He is a son of John V. and Phœbe (Cox) Gossard, natives respectively of Ross County, this State, and Maryland, and made his advent into Madison County when a lad of seven years, and, locating in Stokes Township, there grew to manhood. When reaching his majority, he began life for himself, following the occupation of a farmer and stock-raiser, in which line of business he has been more than ordinarily successful. His marriage occurred October 31, 1861, at which time Miss Lydia E. Hoffman, daughter of Amos and Nancy (Thomas) Hoffman, became his wife.

Mrs. Gossard's father was also a farmer and was born in Ross County, this State, in 1804, while her mother was born in Virginia, May 18, 1821. Mr. Gossard continued to live on his father's estate for five or six years after his marriage, and then purchased fifty-four and one-half acres, where he is at present residing. He has erected substantial buildings on his farm and by a proper rotation of crops the soil is made to yield a handsome increase.

The four children comprised in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Gossard are Ralph, who was born February 13, 1874; Frank, June 4, 1879; Bessie, November 1, 1888; and May, May 12, 1891. In his political relations, our subject is a Republican and cast his first Presidential vote for U. S. Grant in 1868. His interest in school affairs has caused him to be placed on the School Board at Midway for a number of terms, and in all respects he is looked upon as one of the progressive and enterprising citizens.

The father of our subject was married three times, Marcellus being the third child in order of birth of the last marriage. The elder Mr. Gossard was born in 1811, and died June 3, 1880, in Stokes Township, Madison County. He was a conscientious and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was well respected by all who knew him. Although not a politician, he voted the Whig ticket until the organization of the Republican party, and since that time has been a member of its ranks.

JEROME P. BLACKER. There are quite a number of farms which lie in the beautiful Scioto Valley and border on the river of that name, and among them the estate of Mr. Blacker deserves especial mention. It includes one hundred and ten acres, finely improved and highly cultivated, and is watered by several springs. The location of the place is advantageous, as it lies along the old Frankelton Road, in Wayne Township, Pickaway County, and the many travelers along that highway invariably cast a glance of admiration at the neat buildings and improvements visible on every hand. A view of the residence and pleasant rural surroundings appears on another page.

The owner of this farm was born in Deer Creek Township, Pickaway County, October 10, 1844. His father, Jacob Blacker, was born in Virginia, in 1811, and in his youth removed to Ohio, locating in Ross County and engaging in farming. Subsequently, he came to Deer Creek Township, where he continued the vocation of a farmer and became well-to-do. His death occurred in 1879, and removed from the county one who had always maintained the deepest interest in its welfare. He was descended from an old Virginian family, and inherited the qualities of honor and thrift which ever characterized them. The mother of our subject was Mary, daughter of Henry Kirkendall, a farmer of Ross County. She attained the good old age of four-score years.

Seven children comprised the family of which our subject is a member, four of whom are now living, and he is the eldest son. His education was gained in the common schools of the district, which were of a primitive order. His first venture in agriculture was as a farmer in Wayne Township, where he purchased a tract of land north of where he now lives. Afterward he sold that place and bought the farm where he now resides. He was married in 1869 to Catherine Cloud, of Walnut Township, Pickaway County, daughter of William Cloud, a farmer of that township. Two children have been born to them: Clara M. and William F.

In his political belief, Mr. Blacker is a firm adherent of the platform of the Democratic party, and has served in various official capacities. He is the present Trustee of Wayne Township, has been a School Director for several years and has been a delegate to county conventions. His life is worthy the emulation of the rising generation, for he started in business with limited means, and, through tireless exertions, has become well-to-do. His example will doubtless encourage many to greater efforts for success in life and to noble deeds of generosity for the public good. He has the highest respect of the best men of the county, and the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

MICHAEL HENRY. The success which has attended the efforts of this highly-respected citizen of Pickaway County is not the result of chance, but represents the arduous labor of years. In Wayne Township, he owns the homestead upon which he resides and which comprises three hundred and eighty-two and one-half

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acres of good land, embellished with first-class improvements. The owner occupies a position of prominence among his fellow-citizens and is highly esteemed wherever known.

Berkeley County, W. Va., was the birthplace of Mr. Henry and December 4, 1828, the date of his birth. He is descended from an old and distinguished family of the Old Dominion and is the son of George Henry, a Virginian, who served in the War of 1812 and followed farming pursuits throughout his entire life. His death, which occurred at the age of seventy-seven, was the result of being accidentally thrown from a horse. A man of prominence in his community, he at one time owned a large plantation and had a number of slaves.

The youngest of ten children, Michael Henry was only eighteen months old when he was orphaned by the death of his mother. He is now the only surviving member of the parental family, with the exception of one brother, Philip, who is engaged in farming in Jefferson County, W. Va. His childhood was passed in a somewhat uneventful manner, attending school during the winter season and assisting in tilling the soil during the summer, until he was fifteen, when his school days ended. However, he was accustomed to pursue his studies afterward alone by the fireside at night, and in that way gained a good education.

When sixteen years old, Mr. Henry worked out as a farm laborer, receiving at first $5 per month, and afterward his wages were increased. December 5, 1848, he arrived in Pickaway County and located in Jackson Township, being at that time twenty years old, in the vigor of opening manhood and maturing strength. After locating here, he was engaged for some time in various occupations whereby he could gain an honest livelihood, and in the spring of 1850 entered the employ of Samuel Campbell, a farmer in Wayne Township, for whom he worked several months.

The spring of 1851 found Mr. Henry operating as a renter and engaging industriously in agricultural pursuits, which he followed for three years on his own account. He then engaged as a farm laborer for two years for the Hon. Nelson J. Turney and in the fall of 1855 located on the farm of James R. Hulse, Sr., remaining there three years. His next position was with Josiah Renick, in Circleville Township, where he also carried on agricultural pursuits. During eight months of the year 1860 he was employed by John Fleming in raising broom corn, in which he was successful.

After farming for three years in Wayne Township on rented land, Mr. Henry removed to Jackson Township, where he resided seventeen years, becoming known as a painstaking farmer, reliable citizen and obliging neighbor. By the purchase in 1876 of two hundred and sixty-nine acres in Jackson Township, he became the owner of a splendid tract of farming land, which was his home for four years, until 1880, when he purchased his present place in Wayne Township and has since given his attention to its cultivation. A view of his homestead is shown on another page.

The first marriage of Mr. Henry united him with Martha A. Moore, who, after twenty years of wedded life, passed away in 1870. They were the parents of five children, namely: George W., deceased; John W.; Elizabeth; Mary A., deceased, and Ellen V. Mr. Henry afterward was married, in 1871, to Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Zeamer) Metzger, natives of Ohio, now deceased, the father dying in 1868 and the mother in 1847. Mrs. Henry was born in Pickaway County and has passed her entire life within its limits. She is the mother of five children, as follows: Emma B., Nellie M., Fannie M., Kittie M. and one who died in infancy. The children have received good educational advantages and are unusually bright and intelligent.

In connection with general farming, Mr. Henry raises all kinds of stock, having met with success in that department of agriculture. He has devoted considerable attention to drainage and by means of the twenty-seven hundred rods of tile on his land, has placed it in splendid condition for the raising of large crops. He is a Republican in his political belief, but has little time for affairs of public moment, his personal duties having always engaged his attention. His wife is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church as an active and faithful member, and is highly esteemed as a Christian lady and noble-hearted woman.

Through an accident which occurred in August, 1880, Mr. Henry has since been badly crippled and suffers to a considerable extent. At that time, while working out his road tax, he was loading gravel, when the bank caved in on him and crushed him so severely that his life was for a time despaired of. His right limb was crushed to such an extent as to render amputation necessary and his sufferings were intense for many weeks. He has recovered sufficiently to oversee the details of farm work, but cannot engage in active labor as in former years.

ARCH WALKER, an influential citizen of Canaan Township, residing on his home farm, three miles southeast of Plain City, is one of the successful farmers and stock-raisers of Madison County, and he is also associated with the agricultural interests of Franklin County, as the proprietor of one of its valuable farms. He is a native of that county, born in Brown Township, July 31, 1849.

Our subject is of New England antecedents, his father, William Walker, being a native of Vermont, who came to Ohio when a young man. In Delaware County he met and was married to Catherine Carpenter, a native of that county, and after their marriage they went to live in Brown Township, Franklin County, where the father's busy life was terminated by his untimely death at the age of forty years. The mother is still living, and makes her home with her children. She owns a farm, that upon which she began her wedded life with her husband. She became the mother of seven children, of whom six are still living, whom she has carefully trained to good and useful lives.

Arch Walker is the sixth child and third son of the family. He grew to man's estate in his native place, and was educated in the local district schools. He remained with his mother until he was twenty-three years old, affording her great assistance in the management of her farming interests. Since his marriage, in the latter part of 1872, he has resided on the old Dominy homestead in Canaan Township. His farm here embraces one hundred and ninety-seven acres of land that is fertile and well cultivated, and is fully supplied with buildings that are of a substantial order. He also has a good farm of two hundred and fifteen acres in Norwich Township, Franklin County, which is likewise finely improved, and from its rental he obtains a comfortable income. He is engaged in a mixed husbandry, and raises a good class of stock.

The marriage of Mr. Walker with Miss Sophronia, daughter of Alvin and Louisa (Allin) Dominy, was solemnized December 17, 1872, and has been blessed to them by the birth of two daughters and one son, as follows: Louisa, sixteen years old; Alvin, fourteen years old; and Anna, eight years old. Mrs. Walker was born on the old Dominy homestead December 13, 1852, and here her entire life was passed, her death occurring February 15, 1890, while she was yet comparatively young. It was a sad blow to the members of her household, to whom she was devoted, as she was ever an affectionate daughter, a loving wife and a tender mother, and her memory is enshrined in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

"She brightened all the joys of life,
She softened every frown.
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More home-like seems the vast unknown,
Since she has entered there;
To follow her were not so hard,
Wherever she may fare;
She cannot be where God is not,
On any sea or shore;
Whate'er betides Thy love abides,
Our God, forevermore."

Mrs. Walker's father was born in Darby Township, this county, and died in Canaan Township, with whose farming interests he had been identified for a good many years, in the fifty-eighth year of his age. The mother of Mrs. Walker was born in the village of Endfield, Mass., and came to Ohio when she was ten years old, with her parents, John and Anna Allen, who first settled in Delaware County, and then in Canaan Township, Madison County. She is the only surviving member of her family. Her three children, two daugh-

ters and one son, are dead. She presides over our subject's household, and has charge of his and her daughter's children, to whom she gives a mother's care and love.

Mr. Walker bears a high reputation among his fellow-citizens as a true man, of unswerving rectitude in all his dealings, and of exemplary habits, and they have called him to public offices occasionally. He was Trustee of the township two terms, has been School Director, and in the religious life of the community he is a conspicuous figure as Deacon of the Darby Baptist Church, of which he has long been a member, and takes an active interest in the Sunday-school. He believes firmly in temperance legislation in politics, and is an earnest advocate of Prohibition.

HENRY W. FOSNAUGH, the largest and most extensive contractor and builder in Pickaway County, and a member of the City Council from the Second Ward, is a native of Clear Creek, Fairfield County, Ohio, born on the 30th of April, 1845. His father, Eli Fosnaugh, and his grandfather, Jacob Fosnaugh, were natives of Fairfield County, Ohio, but the great-grandfather, Adam Fosnaugh, came from Maryland to Ohio at a period antedating the Revolutionary War. He was one of the first settlers in Clear Creek and resided in a log cabin for many years. Indians were plentiful in those days. He died in Fairfield County when well along in years.

Grandfather Fosnaugh was reared amid scenes of pioneer life and served in the War of 1812. He followed agricultural pursuits for a livelihood and owned a farm of about six hundred acres in and around Clear Creek. He was of German descent and was a member of the German Lutheran Church. In politics, he affiliated with the Democratic party. His death occurred at the age of eighty-seven years. Eli Fosnaugh, father of our subject, followed agricultural pursuits until eighteen years of age and then learned the blacksmith trade. He erected a shop on his farm of one hundred acres in Clear Creek Township, and carried on both farming and blacksmithing for many years, although his principal attention was given to the latter occupation. He was a fine mechanic and could make almost anything in iron. Later, he gave up blacksmithing, settled on his farm, and there died when seventy-two years of age. He was also a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Miss Sarah Baumgartner, a native of Delaware County, Ohio, and the daughter of John Baumgartner, who was from the Eastern States, but an early settler of Delaware County, Ohio. Mr. Baumgartner followed farming in the Buckeye State and there passed the closing scenes of his life. Mrs. Fosnaugh remained in her native county until seventeen years of age and then located in Fairfield County, where she was wedded to Mr. Fosnaugh. She is now a resident of Circleville, is seventy-four years of age, and enjoys comparatively good health. She became the mother of five children, four of whom are living at the present time.

Henry W. Fosnaugh, the second in order of birth and the only son born to his parents, was reared at Six Cross Roads, secured a good practical education in the district school, and at an early age became familiar with the blacksmith trade, displaying much skill in handling the tools. When sixteen years of age, he started out to make this his calling in life, continued it for eighteen months, and then gave it up to engage in farming. He worked by the month until the fall of 1864, when he left the farm and went to Henry County, and on the 5th of December of that year he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter trade under David Hortman, a large contractor at Napoleon. He continued with him for eighteen months and then returned home, where he remained until 1866. In the spring of that year, he located at Circleville, and was foreman for Mr. Tyler for twelve years. He worked at his trade until September 23, 1883, when he engaged in contracting and building for himself, and has continued this ever since. He is thorough-going and enterprising, and has been the largest contractor here for the past five years. He has erected some of the finest frame houses in Circleville and vicinity, also numerous

barns, and erected the Methodist Episcopal Church in Kingston in 1888, and the Odd Fellows' Hall the same season. In 1888, he also contracted for and built the Circleville Opera House, one of the finest in the State, and the Pickaway County Asylum, at the County Infirmary in Washington Township. He employs from fifteen to twenty skilled workmen and his business is steadily increasing. He is interested in real estate in Circleville, owns twelve acres adjoining the city, and will soon lay it out in lots. He owns ten residences here and built seven of them himself. He resides on Mingo Street.

On the 23d of February, 1869, he was married, in Circleville, to Miss Mattie Curry, a native of Circleville and a daughter of Alfred and Elizabeth Curry, of this place. This union resulted in the birth of three children: J. William, who resides in Circleville; Frank M., employed by D. B. Wagner; and Minnie B. In 1890, Mr. Fosnaugh was elected Councilman of the Second Ward on the Democratic ticket, and is an ardent supporter of Democratic principles. He is Chairman of the Water-works Company, and is a public-spirited and wide-awake citizen. Socially, he is a member of Columbia Lodge No. 32, I. O. O. F., also the Encampment and the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons.

FRANCIS M. HARVEY. Oak Run Township is the center of a rich and finely developed farming country, and among the men who have helped to make it so, our subject occupies an honorable position, and none of the farmers and stock-raisers of Madison County are more worthy of representation in this volume than he. A native of this county, our subject was born December 8, 1838, and is the son of Jonathan and Ann C. (Bell) Harvey.

The father of Francis M. was a native of Maryland, and was orphaned by the death of his parents when four years of age. He was then brought to Ohio, and made his home with John Harris, in this county. He had his own way to make in the world, and by prudent economy accumulated a handsome property, owning at one time four hundred and fifty acres of excellent land. He was born in 1808, and died July 29, 1857. His wife, who was born in Ross County, this State, May 4, 1811, still resides on the old homestead.

Of the twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Harvey, we make the following mention: William is a carpenter residing in Columbus, this State; John H. is now deceased, as is also Thomas; our subject is the next in order of birth; Sarah died when two years of age; Andrew makes his home on the old homestead; Mary J. married Martin Smith, and resides in Seneca County, this State; George makes his home in London, this State; Eliza became the wife of John Hammell, a grocer of London; Robert died in infancy; Annie, Mrs. Frank Young, is residing on a farm in Paint Township, Madison County; Wesley is also deceased.

Francis M. Harvey was reared on the home farm, and his father dying when he was eighteen years of age he and his elder brother managed the estate, and thus supported the mother and younger children. December 29, 1859, he established a home of his own, and was married to Mary E. Lane, of Oak Run Township, where she was born March 30, 1840, to Mitchell and Jemimah (Ashton) Lane. Mr. Harvey was engaged in farming for about two years, and then going to London was engaged as a grocer for the three years following. He has been very successful in all his undertakings, and may be properly termed a self-made man, having become the proprietor of a good tract of land of one hundred and sixty-seven acres. He has erected a comfortable residence on his place, which cost $3,000, and, in addition to general farming, makes a specialty of raising a high grade of sheep.

The three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey were Elmer E., Frankie and Ida. The elder son, who was born June 11, 1861, in addition to receiving a common-school education, took a special course of study at the schools in Lebanon, which included civil engineering, and at the present time has an office in London, where he is in the employ of the county. He is also Township Clerk of Oak Run, of which office he has been the incumbent for

three years, and being a single man, makes his home with his father. Frankie, who was born January 1, 1864, died February 24, 1865; Ida M., who was born December 13, 1867, is an excellent musician, and is organist of the Lower Glade Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Harvey cast his first Presidential vote for Stephen A. Douglas. He has been Assessor of his township for fifteen years, and was elected Land Appraiser in 1890. In social matters he is an Odd Fellow, and has a host of friends in that order.

EDGAR C. HAMILTON, D. D. S., of Washington C. H., was born in Springfield, Ohio, December 23, 1836. He is the son of H. A. and Sarah A. (Philpott) Hamilton, his father being one of the pioneer merchants of Springfield. When about twelve years old, he accompanied his parents to Xenia, where he attended school and was graduated from the High School.

When ready to start out in life for himself, our subject chose dentistry for his profession and commenced to study with Dr. G. L. Paine, of Xenia, with whom he remained for four years after completing his studies. He continued actively engaged in the practice of his profession until 1863, when he enlisted in the defense of the Union, becoming a member of the Seventy-fourth Ohio Infantry, but on account of ill health was not mustered into service. Afterward, he enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry and with his regiment marched to West Virginia. He participated in the battle of New Creek and in various skirmishes of minor importance, and was promoted to be Corporal as a reward for meritorious service. At the expiration of his term of service, he was honorably discharged, in 1864, and returned to Cincinnati, where he resumed his practice.

In the fall of 1865, Dr. Hamilton removed to Washington C. H., being forced to leave Cincinnati on account of sickness in his family. Locating in this city, he opened an office on Court Street for the practice of his profession and has remained in that suite of rooms ever since. He is one of the prominent dentists of Washington C. H., and is also an influential member of the Miami Valley Dental Association, also the Southern Ohio Dental Association. The public affairs of Fayette County and the welfare of his fellow-citizens have ever awakened the deepest interest of the Doctor and he is especially interested in educational matters. For nearly fifteen years he has been a member of the School Board of Washington C. H., of which he was President for a number of years, and is now Clerk and Chairman of the Supply Committee. For three years he has been Coroner, is now Clerk of the Board of Health, and has occupied various other positions of honor. Socially, he is Adjutant of John M. Bell Post, G. A. R.; Recording Secretary of Temple Lodge, and Treasurer of Fayette Encampment, I. O. O. F. In his religious belief, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The first marriage of the Doctor united him with Miss Amanda, daughter of George W. Wright, of Xenia. At her death she left one child, George E., who is now engaged in the tobacco business at Washington C. H. In 1869, Dr. Hamilton was married to Miss Lucy, daughter of Prof. O. N. Stoddard, then of Oxford, but now Professor of Natural Science in Wooster University, at Wooster, Ohio. They became the parents of four children, three of whom survive, namely: Grace M., Stoddard E., and Carl M. Louise, the eldest child, married Stephen Grubbs, of Washington C. H., and died, leaving one child, Millicent, who resides with Dr. Hamilton.

WILLIAM E. BEALS. A long residence in a community gives to an individual a standing which can scarcely be otherwise acquired, especially if he has made for himself a good record as a citizen. If ordinarily intelligent and actively interested in the welfare of the people around him, he will have identified himself closely with their interests, and from this will have arisen a mutual benefit. These thoughts are involuntarily suggested by reviewing the career of Mr. Beals, who has become widely and favorably

known to the people of this region, and the fact that he is uniformly well-spoken of is sufficient indication of his true character. In the fall of 1887, he was elected County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket and served one term. He has also been Township Trustee for several terms and possesses those genial and companionable qualities which are a passport to the esteem and confidence of mankind, when supplemented by integrity and intelligence. Although in his sixty-second year, Mr. Beals is well preserved physically and mentally.

Melzer and Eliza (Kelly) Beals, the parents of our subject, were natives respectively of Monongahela County, Va., and Baltimore, Md. After their marriage, they located in Hampshire County, Va., where they were residing at the time of the father's death. Mrs. Beals came West to Madison County, this State, in 1853, and departed this life in West Jefferson Township six years later. She reared a family of nine children, of whom William E. was the youngest but one.

The original of this sketch was born in Hampshire County, Va., June 15, 1830, and made this place his home until reaching his twentieth year. He was reared on his father's farm, which the latter carried on in connection with his business of an iron worker. William E., on attaining mature years, learned the miller's trade in his native State, and after coming to Madison County, operated a mill in Oak Run Township for several months. He also was similarly engaged in Clarke County, this State, for eighteen months and, aside from the time spent in that line of work, has always followed farming and stock-raising, buying and selling many animals every year.

The lady to whom our subject was married, in Springfield, this State, August 11, 1854, was Miss Olive Hammond, who was born in Clarke County. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Beals located in Jefferson Township, where they resided for four years and then purchased a farm in Deer Creek Township, upon which they made their home for the following seventeen years. At the end of that time, our subject, disposing of his estate in that locality, returned to this township and became the proprietor of the farm upon which he is at present residing. His estate includes two hundred and eighty acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, and the numerous substantial buildings which adorn it are also the result of his enterprise and zeal.

To Mr. and Mrs. Beals have been born eight children, those living being Manzilla, Alberta, Laura, Eliza, Henrietta and Pern E. The eldest is now the wife of John McClure, and Laura married John Garret. Two children died in infancy.

As before stated, he of whom we write was elected County Commissioner in 1887. He has always been very active in politics, and during elections casts a straight Democratic vote. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which denomination they are influential and useful workers.

GEORGE M. BALDWIN. It gives us pleasure to record in this sketch the leading incidents in the career of this gentleman, who was born May 1, 1860, in Madison Township, Fayette County, where he is at present residing. He is the son of William and Mary J. (Houseman) Baldwin, and has added to the limited store of knowledge which was afforded him in the common schools by a systematic course of reading.

The lady to whom Mr. Baldwin was married September 4, 1884, was Miss Irene Armstrong, who was born in Jackson Township, Pike County, this State, February 24, 1868. She is the daughter of Stephen and Mary J. (Walls) Armstrong. Her father, who had been a soldier in the Civil War, died when she was about seven years of age, and her mother departed this life three years later, when A. J. Dietrick was appointed her guardian. Her only brother, Henry E., died June 2, 1891.

To Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin has been granted a family of four children, namely: William S., who was born November 9, 1885; James H., March 29, 1887; Mary E., March 28, 1889, and Agnes Irene September 14, 1891. Mr. Baldwin is a Democrat in politics, as was his father and grandfather before

him. A peaceable and law-abiding citizen and a man of energy and intelligence, he has, by his kindly relations with his neighbors, gained their good-will and respect.

PHILEMON N. GRAY. There is probably not in Scioto Township a more beautiful home than that of Mr. Gray, whose wealth and ability make him one of the most prominent farmers of the county. This elegant brick residence is fitted up with all modern conveniences and furnished in artistic taste. Mr. Gray was born in Franklin County, Ohio, April 25, 1829, and is a son of Littleton R. Gray, a native of Maryland, who was born in 1804. The grandfather, Littleton Gray, was also a native of Maryland and a soldier in the Revolutionary War. By trade, he was a shoemaker, and he came to Ohio in 1838, and settled in Franklin County, where he followed his trade until his death, which took place when he was seventy-six years of age. He was highly esteemed in the community, and was a Democrat in his political views.

The father of our subject came to Franklin County, Ohio, in 1835, when he was twenty-one years old, journeying all the way (some six hundred miles) on foot over the mountains. He worked out by the month for one year, after which he married, and settled on school section No. 16 of Madison Township, Franklin County, Ohio, where he carried on a farm for one year, and then moved on to a rented farm. He was married about two years after coming here, and as the young couple were forced by poverty to most thorough economy, the young man himself manufactured most of their furniture. He finally purchased one hundred and ten acres of land near Asbury Chapel, upon which they lived for fifteen years, and after selling their property he bought and sold again, and then bought property near Columbus, which increased in value so that he was able to sell it at a considerable advance. He had just bought two hundred and ten acres in another locality when he died, before moving upon it. He was a hard worker and very successful, but his untimely death at the age of forty-eight cut short his career. His religious connection was with the Methodist Church, and he was a Whig in politics.

The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Anna Needles, and was born in Franklin County, Ohio, in 1804. Of her nine children these grew to maturity: Philemon N., Epoleta, Sarah A., Washington, Elizabeth, Leroy, Clara R., and Matilda R. The mother was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church all her life, and was sincerely mourned when she passed from earth at the age of seventy-six years. Her father, Philemon Needles, was a native of Delaware, who came to Ohio in 1802, walking all the way by the side of his wife, who rode, and camping out on the way. He bought Government land in Madison Township, Franklin County, being one of the first settlers there. He built a log cabin in the woods, and developed a large tract of land, becoming one of the wealthiest men in this township, owning five hundred acres of land, beside giving liberally to his children. When he came to Ohio, he was a poor man, but was possessed of most excellent judgment, which aided him in becoming a prosperous man. He was over seventy years of age at the time of his decease.

Our subject was reared in Franklin County, Ohio, and studied in the primitive schoolhouses, where oil paper was still in vogue in place of window glass. Later, he spent three months at Central College, which is near Columbus, and began for himself at the age of twenty-one years. After leaving home, he farmed for a year with an uncle, who lived near Groveport, and for six months acted as guard at the penitentiary at Columbus. He went South for three months, and later was called home by the death of his father, of whose estate he was appointed executor. He bought out the other heirs of the home farm, and lived there until eighteen years ago, when he disposed of that property and bought here. He has carried on mixed farming and stock-raising, and has had large crops of grain.

The young man was married in September, 1853,

to Emeline Watkins, who was born in Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, in 1834. They became the parents of ten sons: Torey N., Herbert G., Lincoln R. (deceased), Philo, James M., Malcolm, Frank, Isaac F. (deceased), Littleton A., and Dixon F. The mother of these sons died November 13, 1887.

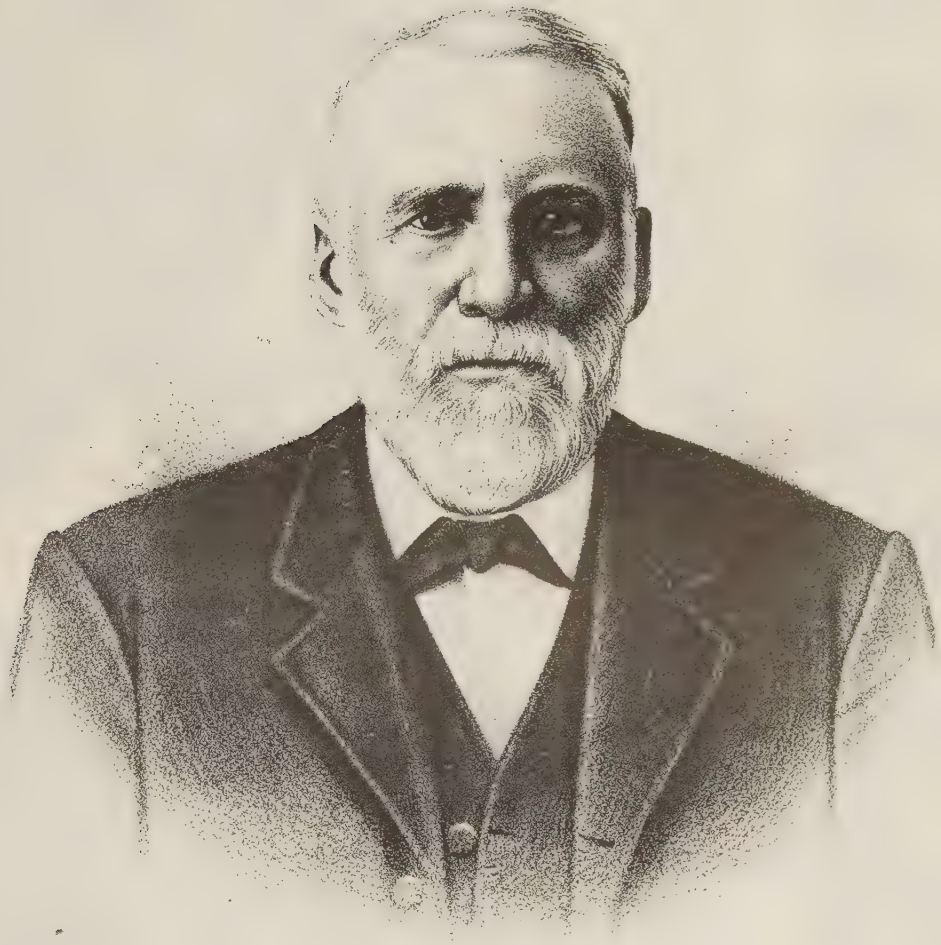
The second marriage of Mr. Gray took place June 3, 1891, and he was then united to Annie Weigand, who was born in this county in Harrison Township. She is a daughter of Mr. Dill Weigand, lately deceased, a sketch of whose life will be found elsewhere in this volume. Our subject has four hundred acres of improved land here, upon which he settled in 1874, and this is one of the finest farms in the township, and none is fitted up better with farm buildings and residence than his. At one time, he owned about one thousand acres of land, but exchanged a part of this for city property in Columbus, which is in both residence and business property, and also in a factory and some vacant lots. For five years, when he first came here, he raised an average of twenty-five thousand bushels of corn. He is a Republican in his political views, and both he and his good wife are active and efficient members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JAMES A. BAKER, a contractor and brick mason of Mt. Sterling, has made his home in this locality for more than a third of a century. He was born in Albany, N. Y., July 22, 1837, and is a son of John and Sarah (Presgrave) Baker. His parents were both natives of Lincolnshire, England, where their marriage was celebrated. With five of their children, they emigrated to America in 1835, locating in Albany, where the family circle was increased by the birth of our subject and two daughters. Mr. Baker followed his trade of brick-laying in Albany for about ten years and then removed to Seneca, N. Y., where he spent his last days.

At the age of fifteen, our subject began to learn the mason's trade with his father, with whom he worked for four years. He then went to Warrensburg, N. Y., where he secured employment and engaged in brick-laying in various places in the Empire State. In 1859, he came to Ohio, where he began working on a farm, being thus employed for three summers. The Civil War was then in progress and on the 13th of August, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Infantry, and before the regiment was ordered South, he was married, on the 12th of September, to Miss Emeline Puckett, of Mt. Sterling. Bidding good-bye to his young bride, he marched to the front and participated in the battles of Chickamauga, Peach Tree Creek, Kenesaw Mountain, Franklin and others. In June, 1864, he was transferred to Company C, First United States Regiment of Engineers, and was engaged in repairing bridges and other such work. He was never wounded or taken prisoner and was honorably discharged, September 26, 1865, in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Baker then returned home to his wife, who in the interval had resided in Mt. Sterling. She was born in Pickaway County, July 7, 1842, and is a daughter of James K. and Mary (Elmore) Puckett, who resided upon a farm in Pickaway County. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Baker have been born four children. Elva, born in Pleasant Township, Madison County, July 16, 1866, is the wife of Harry Terry, of Mt. Sterling, by whom she has three children; Marietta, born in Fayette County, December 27, 1868, is the wife of Barton De Long, a molder of Mt. Sterling, and they have one child; Ida Effie was born in Fayette County, August 26, 1871, and William A. was born in Mt. Sterling, December 22, 1873.

For three years after his return from the war, Mr. Baker engaged in operating a rented farm. In 1870, he came to Mt. Sterling, purchased a home and began working at his trade. He has since been a leading contractor of the city and has erected a number of the principal brick buildings in the place. He is an excellent workman and the liberal patronage which he has received is well deserved. He cast his first Presidential vote in Chattanooga in 1864, for George B. McClelland and has since supported the Democratic party. Himself, wife and daughters are members of the Christian



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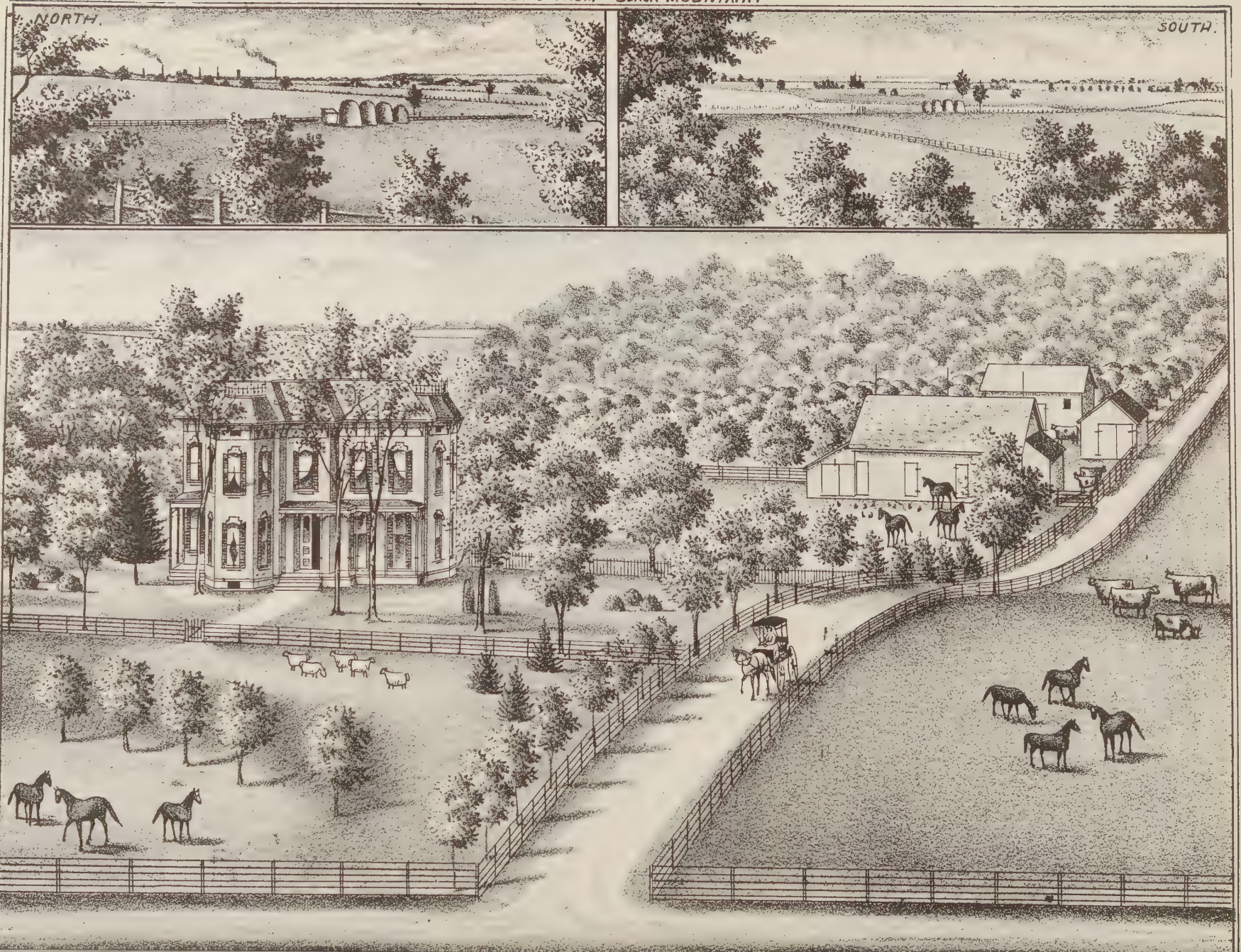


Church and he has served as assistant Superintendent. Mr. Baker is also a member of the Patriotic Order of Sons of America and a charter member of Bostwick Post No. 406, G. A. R. He has attended both the National Unions held in Columbus. He is a public-spirited and progressive citizen, true to every public and private duty.

DANIEL HITLER, a wealthy and highly-esteemed farmer and native of Pickaway County, owns a large and valuable farm in Pickaway Township, advantageously situated on the Columbus, Circleville and Chillicothe Turnpike, to which is attached great historical interest as the former site of the Indian village of Cornstock, named in honor of a famous Mingo chief.

Mr. Hitler was born in Washington Township, November 7, 1827, and is a son of Jacob Hitler, a very early settler of the county, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Our subject was educated in the primitive log schoolhouse of pioneer days, and was reared on the old homestead in his native township, continuing to live with his father for over forty years. He located on his present farm in Pickaway Township March 17, 1871, and in 1883 built his fine large brick residence. He has other buildings for every necessary purpose, that are spacious and well-built, and he has every convenience of a model farm. He owns six hundred and ninety-seven acres of valuable land, his homestead comprising three hundred and thirty-five acres, the farm lying on the celebrated Pickaway Plains. The soil is of a sandy loam, easy of cultivation and very fruitful. Mr. Hitler's mode of tillage is such as to produce the best results, and no land in the vicinity yields more abundant harvests in repayment for good care than his. It is also well adapted to raising stock, and fine herds graze in its pastures.

In reference to Mr. Hitler's farm as an historical spot, we quote the following from the pen of an enthusiastic admirer of the place:

"Mr. Hitler's farm is indeed emphatically 'the classic ground of Ohio,' for on the site of his residence was situated the Indian village of Cornstock named for the noted chief Cornstolk. Grenadier Squawtown, named for Cornstolk's squaw, was located just south of his residence, on land that he now owns. A short distance southeast, up the Congo Creek, stands the stately old elm, beneath whose spreading boughs Logan, Chief of the Mingos, made his famous speech, with which every school-boy is familiar, when Lord Dunmore, then royal Governor of Virginia, in 1774 concluded the treaty of peace with the Indians, whereby the Territory of the Northwest was opened for settlement to the whites.

"On his land once stood the town of Jefferson, the first seat of justice of Pickaway County. It was a lively little frontier town in its day, but its existence was ephemeral, and nothing is left of it but a single, tumble-down log cabin to mark the spot where it once flourished. A short distance west of the home of our subject is Black Mountain, on whose summit, overlooking the entire plains, as well as the Valley of the Scioto for miles, the Indian chiefs met and held their councils of war, and no enemy could approach them undetected. The bones of the red men who once inhabited this region have been found in Mr. Hitler's very door-yard, and many interesting relics of the vanished tribes have been discovered on the premises."

A writer in speaking of the Pickaway Plains has said: "Lying in what may be appropriately called 'The Garden of the State,' these plains embrace lands, which, when the first white settler came into the country, produced a hundred bushels of corn and fifty bushels of wheat to the acre. Blooming and beautiful, with Nature's most mild and tranquil expression, a benison seems to have been breathed upon it by the great Author. As it lies to-day, in summer, crowned with russet-yellow of ripening grains, its broad expanse bathed in sunshine, an undulating, shimmering, golden sea, in which, like neat green islands, fields of waving corn appear, there is nothing to suggest the turmoils of savage war, or the wild scenes that have been enacted here. Here burned the council fires of the Indian, at which affairs of the nation were

discussed, and peace or war decided upon. On these plains, at the old Indian villages, prisoners of war were put to death with horrid tortures.

"It was here that the tribes of Indians marched forth, fierce in their war paint, to meet Gen. Lewis; it was here that Gen. Logan made his famous speech, full of burning eloquence, and here that the campaign of Lord Dunmore was brought to a close by the truce at Camp Charlotte."

Mr. Hitler not only takes pride in his beautiful farm, with the many associations clustering around it of the aboriginal settlers of this region, long since vanished from these plains, valleys and forests that were once their home and hunting-grounds, but he takes a warm interest in all that concerns his native county, and looks with favor on whatever tends to its improvement. He is a man of sound, round-about common sense, a good judge in all matters with which he is conversant, and his friends find him wise and safe in counseling them whenever they seek his advice in important matters. He is an uncompromising Democrat in his political sentiments, and has held various local offices. He was chosen Land Appraiser for Pickaway Township in 1890, and ten years previous also performed the same duty.

The view of Mr. Hitler's homestead presented on another page is of especial interest on account of the historic associations connected therewith. We are also pleased to present the portrait of Mr. Hitler to our readers.

IRA L. MAY. A prominent position among the farmers of Pickaway County is occupied by this young gentleman, whose farm is one of the best in Wayne Township, comprising two hundred and forty acres of as fertile land as may be found in a day's journey, and advantageously located on the Lick Run. He has met with flattering success in agriculture, both as a farmer and stock-raiser, and in the pursuit of his calling has been rewarded with a comfortable amount of this world's goods.

Born in Circleville, Ohio, March 28, 1854, Mr. May is the son of Michael and Mary (Lutz) May. His father, who was born in Maryland October 7, 1798, learned the trade of a cabinet-maker in his youth and located in Loudoun County, Va., in his early manhood. In 1818, when twenty years old, he removed to Circleville, and for many years followed his trade there. With the exception of eight years spent in Wayne Township, he remained in Circleville until his death in that city, September 27, 1869. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he served as Elder for a long period.

The father of our subject was twice married. His first wife, with whom he was united September 27, 1827, was Lydia Reiman, who died August 25, 1845. Eight children were born of this union, four of whom are now living. Afterward Michael May was married, September 25, 1849, to Mary Lutz, who died April 11, 1879. Ira L. was one of three children born of this marriage. He received his education in the public schools of Circleville, and graduated from the High School March 31, 1870. Subsequently, he took a course in surveying and engineering at Lebanon College. In 1871, he located in Wayne Township and engaged in farming on the place where he still resides.

A very important event in the life of our subject was his marriage, which occurred September 11, 1879, and united him with Miss Ada Lutz, of Ross County, Ohio. The parents of Mrs. May, Isaac and Susan (Barton) Lutz, are natives respectively of Salt Creek Township, this county, and Ross County, this State, and are very prominent people in the community where they have passed so many years. Through his farming and stock-raising enterprises, he has become quite well-to-do, and, although he no longer engages in actively tilling the soil, he still maintains a close supervision over his estates. Mr. and Mrs. May are the parents of five children, three of whom are living, namely: Isaac L., Percy and Leslie; Thompson and Lawrence are deceased.

Although every man is more or less of an enigma to his fellow-men, it is not difficult to sound the depths of Mr. May's nature sufficiently to discover that he is one who has accepted the Emersonian idea, that "the manly part is to do with might and

main what you can do." He believes in the principles of the Republican party and uses his influence in behalf of its candidates. As an upright, conscientious man, his opinion has weight with others, and with his refined wife he occupies a position of prominence in the community. Both are identified with the Presbyterian Church at Circleville, and actively promote those measures which will uplift humanity and elevate society.

NATHANIEL S. BARNETT, senior member of the firm of Barnett Bros., grocers, at No. 208 East Court Street, is a young man of high repute in business circles, who has made his way to the front among the business men of Washington C. H. He was born April 11, 1855, in Washington County, N. Y., a son of one of its prominent farmers, J. S. Barnett. His father, who is still a resident of that county, was born in the State of New York in the year 1816, and has been twice married, the maiden name of his second wife, the mother of our subject, being Eliza Ann Cox. He became the father of thirteen children, all of whom grew to maturity, and nine of them are still living.

Our subject's education was conducted in the public schools of his native county, which he left at the age of eighteen, to engage in farming with his father. He remained with him, assisting him in the management of his farming interests, until he attained his majority. He then came to Ohio and began his career in the mercantile business in the employ of C. H. Brownell & Brother, dealers in groceries and poultry. He was with them six years, and in that time thoroughly mastered every detail of the trade. At the end of that time, he bought a grocery with Mr. Saxton, and they carried it on together, under the firm name of N. S. Barnett & Co., three years. They then sold out, and our subject abandoned business for a year. In the meantime, he made a trip to his old home and spent some time among his former friends. Coming back to this county, he bought a stock of groceries and established himself in the same room he had formerly occupied. He took his brother into partnership, and they have continued together. They have a large and well-stocked store, carrying a complete line of groceries and provisions, and they command a fine trade, as they are enterprising, energetic and fully alive to the demands of their business, and their obliging and courteous manners make them popular with all with whom they have dealings.

July 2, 1878, is the date of the marriage of our subject with Miss Mamie, daughter of John Cissna, a prominent business man of Washington C. H. They have a very desirable home, replete with comfort, and one child completes their pleasant household circle, Earl R., who is now seven years old. Mr. Barnett is public-spirited, and all movements looking to the improvement of his adopted city are sure of his hearty approval and material assistance. As every intelligent and loyal citizen of this great Republic should be, he is deeply interested in politics, and is a strong Republican, using his influence always in favor of his party.

ALVA M. BUSH, D. D. S. Wonderful as has been the advancement of the last half-century, there is no indication that the climax has been reached, but the prospect for the future is in every way favorable to a progress fully as great as that which in a retrospective view seems remarkable. The incentives to industry and enterprise are as great now as at any period in the history of Fayette County, while the means of securing prosperity are daily multiplying.

It is not strange that the keen, shrewd young men of to-day are realizing that Horace Greeley's advice, "Go West, young man," is not applicable to the youth of the Buckeye State. The prospects for wealth and success are as inviting in Ohio as beyond the Rocky Mountains, in the sunset lands of the United States. Among the young men who are successfully following their chosen professions in the State of their birth, prominent mention be-

longs to Dr. Bush, who located in Washington C. H. during 1888, and has since engaged in the practice of dentistry.

A native of Greenfield, Highland County, this State, and born January 19, 1867, our subject is the son of Jacob E. and Sally (Mathews) Bush. His father engaged in general agricultural pursuits and devoted especial attention to stock-raising until his death, which occurred when our subject was a lad of seven years. He and his widowed mother resided afterward with the family of J. S. Bush, a commercial traveler of Greenfield. In that village, our subject received his education in the common and High Schools, graduating from the latter institution in 1886.

After completing his schooling, our subject entered the dental office of Dr. Anshutz, with whom he read until he entered the Ohio Dental College at Cincinnati, graduating in 1889. During his vacation prior to graduating, he opened an office in Washington C. H. and his time is now fully occupied in professional duties. His office in the Midland Block is supplied with all the most modern dental appliances, and he keeps abreast of the times by careful reading in both professional and general literature. Socially, he is a member of the Royal Arcanum, of which he is Secretary, and in his religious belief, is identified with the Presbyterian Church. September 19, 1888, he was married to Miss Minnie L., daughter of O. N. Wilson, of Greenfield, and they have established a comfortable home in Washington C. H.

WILLIAM ASHBROOK, an esteemed and venerable citizen of Ashville, where he is living in retirement from active business, bears a name that is prominent in the pioneer history of Central Ohio since the opening years of the present century, and various members of the family have been associated with the development of both Pickaway and Fairfield Counties. In the latter county, our subject has passed the most of his life until within recent years, he having been born there October 17, 1821, being reared in one of its pioneer homes. His parents, William and Parmelia (Peters) Ashbrook, were early settlers thereof. They were natives of Virginia, his father being the son of an Englishman who had settled there during the last century. Early in the present century, the Ashbrooks migrated to Ohio, and took up their abode in a log cabin in the woods, in what is now Amanda Township, Fairfield County. They had but fifty cents in money when they arrived weary and travel-worn by their horseback journey across a rough, wild country, and they had many hardships and privations to endure before they became comfortably established in their new home. The father was an energetic wide-awake man, and he accumulated a comfortable property by the aid of his no less capable wife. He was quite prominent in local public life, and served as Trustee of Amanda Township, always doing all in his power to advance its interests. He was the father of eleven children, six of whom are living, namely: Mahlon, a resident of St. Joseph, Mo.; Edward, a resident of Fairfield County; William; Iva, wife of Daniel Kellerman, of Kansas; Melissa, wife of Benjamin Bowman, of Champaign County, and Minerva, wife of Benjamin Dunnuck, of Pickaway County. Over half a century ago, two of our subject's brothers, Absalom and Mahlon, came to Harrison Township and settled on the site of the present village of Ashville, which was named in their honor, and they became its leading business men.

Our subject was reared to man's estate in his native county, becoming strong, stalwart and self-reliant under the invigorating influences of pioneer life, having to bear the hardships usual in a newly-settled country. He went to school in a log cabin, but his educational advantages were somewhat limited. However, observation and experience have made up in a great measure for these early deficiencies in intellectual training, and have helped him to a competency. He owns a fine farm of one hundred and fifty acres of land in Fairfield County, and it brings him in a good income. For many years, he was successfully engaged as a farmer on his homestead, but in the spring of 1886 he abandoned his farm to take up his residence in the village whose early history is

so closely linked with the memory of his brothers, and he has since lived here retired in a pleasant home, enjoying in a full degree the honor due to him as a man of sterling merit and a right loyal citizen. He is a Republican in his political views, and stands firmly by his party.

Mr. Ashbrook and Miss Nancy Hedges were married in 1844, and for over forty years they walked life's path together, and then death deprived our subject of the companionship of one who had been to him a devoted helpmate and a true wife in every particular, her demise occurring October 28, 1886. She was a woman of marked excellence of character, steadfast in her friendships, and always neighborly and hospitable in her treatment of the people with whom she came in daily contact. Of the nine children born to her and our subject, these six are living: Elsie, wife of William Presler; Samuel, John, Ira, William, and Emma. Those deceased are Mahlon, Mary, and one that died in infancy.

GUSTAVUS A. SCHLEYER, Assistant Cashier in the Second National Bank, of Circleville, Ohio, is probably one of the best informed men in the city. He has a delightful home and an extensive and choice library. In the last few years, he has done more to further the interests of the city than any other man and almost every advantage that the town enjoys is owing in a greater or less degree to his push and energy. He believed in having a fine city library and a suitable building for it, and with this object in view, he ran as member of the City Council. Being elected, he at once commenced working for this, and by his efforts succeeded in getting the council to make a necessary appropriation for this purpose. The result is that Circleville has one of the finest memorial and public library buildings in the State. It is a fine large brick structure, located at the corner of Main and Pickaway Streets, and would attract the attention of any one. Mr. Schleyer is at present Vice-president of the city council and one of its most active members.

Mr. Schleyer is a native of this State, born in Chillicothe, on the 7th of February, 1857, and remained there until four years of age. His father, J. F. Schleyer (see sketch elsewhere in this work), removed with his family to Circleville in 1865. In this city our subject received good scholastic advantages and attended the High School until he lacked but two months of graduating, when he was offered a position in the Second National Bank as collector. This was in September, 1872, when he was but fifteen years of age. Soon after, he took a special c urse in book-keeping during the evenings, and later a course by mail with Bryant & Stratton College, also studied stenography by mail. In 1875, he became individual ledger book-keeper and continued in that capacity until he was made teller in 1882. This position he held for three years and in 1885 was appointed Assistant Cashier.

Although young in years, Mr. Schleyer is one of the most progressive and enterprising business men of the county. He built his first house on Scioto Street, in 1881, and since then a handsome structure, designed by himself and wife, has been erected on that street, the cost of the same being $6,000. He also owns three acres within the corporation, and this is cut up into lots.

The first marriage of our subject occurred in Circleville in 1880 to Miss Emma T. Hartmeyer, a native of this city and the daughter of ex-Sheriff C. F. Hartmeyer, who was also born here and who is now retired. To Mr. and Mrs. Schleyer was born one child, Paul F. Our subject's second marriage occurred in 1889 to Miss Nell Hartmeyer, a sister of his first wife. Mr. Schleyer was a member of the School Board one term, after which he declined re-election. He was elected on the Democratic ticket to the City Council, Fourth Ward, and re-elected in 1891. He is Vice-president of the Council at the present time and is Chairman of the Police Committee and Committee on Light. This committee fought for two years for arc light. Mr. Schleyer is President of the Public Library Board, and was one of the committee to select the site for the Memorial and Public Library Building. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and also the Uniform Elks. In politics, he is a

strong advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and he has been a delegate to the County Conventions. He is an active member of the Democratic Club.

DANIEL B. FOSTER. Among the well-known and influential citizens of Oak Run Township, Madison County, is the gentleman whose name introduces this paragraph, and who is a successful farmer, using the best methods of fertilizing the soil and improving his property. He was born in Ross County, this State, March 7, 1828, and was the son of John and Eliza (Bowyer) Foster, natives, respectively, of Ross and Pike Counties, this State.

The father of our subject, who was born March 4, 1802, was a farmer by occupation, and came to Madison County when our subject was a lad of five years. He was a man who had made his own way in the world, and was financially successful, leaving at his death an estate of one thousand acres of land. Our subject was the eldest child of the parental family of ten children, eight of whom are still living, all making their homes in Madison County with the exception of Miranda, Mrs. Mooreman, who is residing in Harvey, Ill. The father of our subject was a Whig, in politics, and voted for John Q. Adams in 1824. On the organization of the Republican party, however, he joined its ranks in 1856.

Daniel Foster was reared on the old home farm, and received a common-school education. He began to do for himself after reaching his majority. When twenty-four years of age, he was married to Miranda McClimans, by whom he became the father of three children: Flora, who died at the age of six months; Bernard, who is a carpenter, and makes his home in London, this State; and Jennie, now the wife of John B. Van Wagoner, a grain merchant in the above-named place. The wife and mother departed this life in August, 1860, and the lady whom our subject chose as his second wife, January 14, 1863, was Miss Margaret M. Johnston. To them have been born the following-named nine children: Jesse, Allie, Kemper L., Elmer B., Eva, Washington I., Frank E., Maud and Chester G.

In politics, our subject was a Whig, casting his first Presidential vote in 1852. He then joined the ranks of the Republican party, with which he voted until 1886, and is now a Prohibitionist. He has served his party as a delegate to county and State conventions, but has in no wise been an office-seeker. Mr. and Mrs. Foster and several of their children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which denomination our subject has been Class-leader for twenty-two years, and Sunday-school Superintendent for a period of twenty years. On the death of his father, he fell heir to one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, and by his union with his first wife became the proprietor of one hundred acres. His possessions now aggregate five hundred acres, which are adorned with all the necessary buildings which make of agriculture a pleasurable as well as profitable business. In 1862, Mr. Foster erected a beautiful residence on his estate, which is finished and furnished in a manner which indicates its inmates to be people of means and culture.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was a soldier in the War of 1812. His father was a twin brother of James Foster, the father of Mrs. J. B. Chenowith, Mrs. J. S. Pancake and Mrs. Allison S. Grimm.

WILLIAM H. JONES. This gentleman is an ex-soldier of the late Civil War, in which he won a military record that reflected credit on the soldiery of this State and of which he may well be proud. He is one of the leading farmers of Deer Creek Township, Madison County, where he has a finely located estate, which, in regard to improvements, is considered one of the most desirable pieces of property in this county.

John C. Jones, the father of our subject, a prominent citizen of Paint Township, this county, was born in Tennessee, June 11, 1817. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Ann Hume, was the daughter of Thomas and Isabella Taylor

and is now deceased. She was married to Mr. Jones October 30, 1839, and reared a family of nine children, of whom our subject is the eldest but one. He was born in Somerford Township, this county, May 23, 1842, and was four years of age when his father removed to Paint Township, where he grew to manhood. Our subject remained under the parental roof, aiding his father in cultivating the home farm and attending school. His education was received mostly at London, and later in life he taught school for about twenty years during the winter seasons, following farming in the summers.

November 9, 1865, William H. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Sallie A. Minter. The lady was born in Deer Creek Township, Madison County, October 11, 1846, and was the daughter of John Minter, also a native of that place. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Jane De Lany, was born in Urbana, this State, in November, 1818, while her father was born in 1806, in Harrison County, Ky. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Minter located in this township, where they have since made their home and reared a family of six children, of whom Mrs. Jones was the fourth in order of birth.

After his marriage, the original of this sketch made his home upon the farm where he is at present residing, in Deer Creek Township, and which comprises one hundred and seventy acres of excellently improved land. Of his family of four children, one is now deceased. Those living are: Annie L., the wife of D. H. Lattimer; Paul and Vera.

Mr. Jones has always been interested in local affairs and has been Township Trustee and Assessor. His interest in school affairs has led him to be placed upon the School Board, in which position he has rendered efficient service. In politics, he is a Democrat, believing in the principles laid down in the platform of that party. He is liberal in his religious views, while his good wife is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In May, 1864, Mr. Jones became a member of Company I, One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry, in the one hundred days' service. Wherever known, he is honored for his sturdy integrity of character and indefatigable perseverance, and, like all good citizens, he is proud of the advancement of the section in which he lives and willing to bear a hand in movements which will further increase it.

LABIAS O. FULTS, Editor and proprietor of the *Ohio Citizen*, of Jeffersonville, Fayette County, was born in Auglaize County, this State, on the 22d of May, 1858. He is a son of John and Anna A. (Bush) Fults, both natives of Fayette County. The parents removed to Auglaize County, where they remained for about one year, at which time they returned to this county, and located in Jefferson Township, where they still reside on a farm. The father has been a stanch Republican all his life. They have had born to them ten children, as follows: Jacob H., O. E., L. O., J. E., Mary F. (wife of J. W. Edmondson), Clora A., Ivy (wife of Loran Clevinger), Etta, Rosetta (wife of John Wilson) and Lizzie.

Our subject was reared on the home farm, and educated in the public schools. He spent several years in the West, but in the spring of 1887 returned home and purchased the *Ohio Citizen* of L. A. Elster, M. D., and has since then owned and published this spicy family sheet. It has a circulation of between six hundred and eight hundred. The editor makes it a point to gather all the current news each week, and his paper is considered an interesting one, and one of the best country papers in the county. He has gained a great deal of ground since he has had charge of this paper, and now has almost the entire patronage of his township for the paper and job work. He has been very successful in all his business undertakings, and pays strict attention to his business, which is ever his motto to success. Socially, he is connected with the Masonic fraternity and Knights of Pythias, of Jeffersonville.

The subject of this brief notice was united in marriage with Miss Emma B. Marshall, a daughter of Dr. O. W. Marshall, of Jeffersonville. This ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents on the 26th of October, 1888. To this couple

one daughter, Cora L., has come to bless their home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fults are leading members of the Protestant Methodist Church, and Mr. Fults is a member of the Town Council, to which he was elected in 1891.

FREDERICK E. MITHOFF. A prominent German-American citizen, and a farmer who keeps abreast with the progress of the times, and one who has advanced the interests of his adopted country in every possible way, is he whose name is at the head of this sketch. He was born in Hanover, Germany, on the 30th of July, 1815, and his parents, Hector A. and Dorothy E. Mithoff, were natives of England and Germany, respectively.

About 1830, the family emigrated to America, taking passage at Bremen, and after an ocean voyage of sixty-nine days, landed in New York City. Later, they moved to Pennsylvania, and after residing in Schuylkill County for about ten years, or until 1839, they emigrated to Fairfield County, Ohio, locating in Violet Township. The father was one of the earliest representatives of the Teutonic element in that section, and possessed all the sturdy characteristics of those of that nativity. There the father and mother died in 1854. Only four of the seven children are now living: Frederick E., Henry, Edward T. and Theodore.

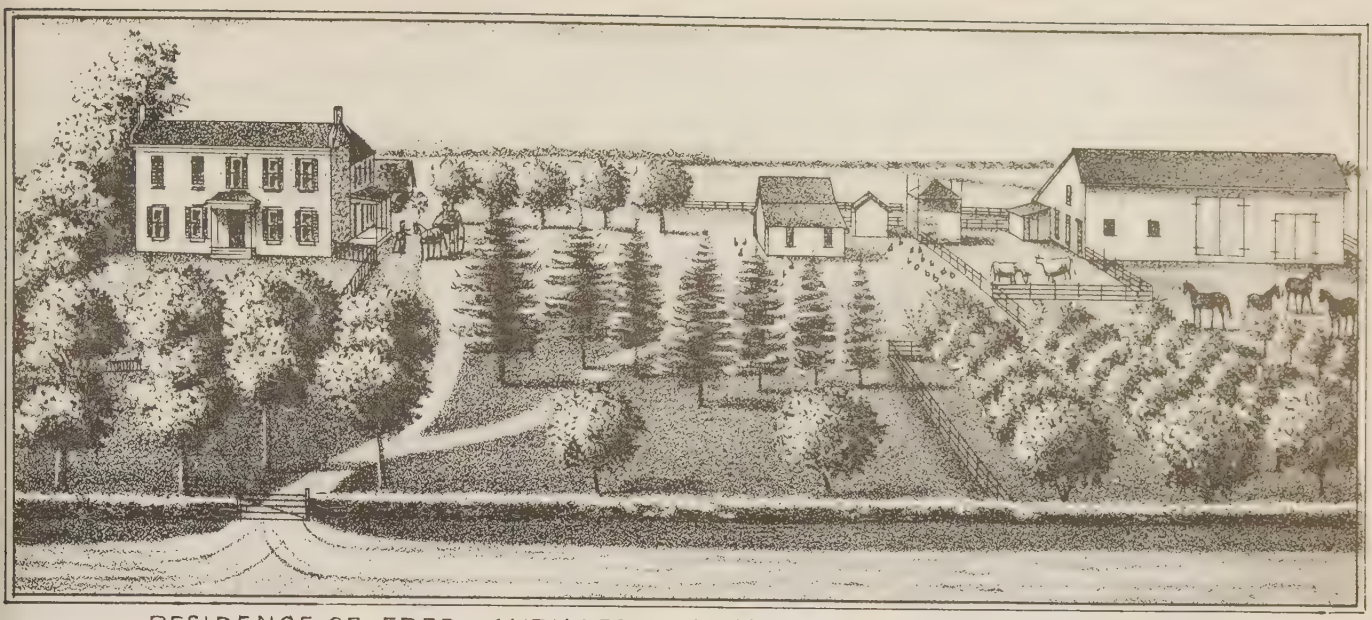
When a young man, our subject learned the coach and wagon-making trade, and followed this for about four years, since which time he has been engaged in farming. He received a fair education in German, and has since acquired a good knowledge of the English language. He was first married to Miss Wilhelmina Hose, who bore him four children: Dorothy M., wife of Prof. George Eversole; Lillie A., the widow of J. A. Koffman; William H., and Ella R., wife of Harry Beaver. Mr. Mithoff selected his second wife in the person of Amelia Becker, a native of the same place as her husband, born September 11, 1830, and their nuptials were celebrated on the 18th of September, 1862. Her parents, Ernst and Dorothy (Lammerhirt) Becker, were also natives of the Old Country. In 1847, Mrs. Mithoff crossed the ocean to America, and located first in Fairfield County, Ohio, but later came to Pickaway County. Four children were the fruits of this union: Anna, wife of Truman Vairan; Frank W., Edward E. and Fredrick G.

In the year 1875, Mr. Mithoff, accompanied by his family, moved to Harrison Township, Pickaway County, and purchased a farm of two hundred acres. On this he has since erected many good, substantial buildings, and the place is now known as one of the best in the locality. Mr. Mithoff is a self-made man, and what he has accumulated in the way of this world's goods is the result of industry and strictest economy. An intelligent gentleman, of superior mental attainments, he seeks to develop himself as well as his agricultural interests in the best and broadest directions. In church preference, he and his estimable wife are Lutherans, and are liberal contributors to the church, as to all other enterprises worthy of mention. In politics, he advocates the principles of the Democratic party, and is a wide-awake and thorough-going citizen.

Elsewhere in this volume is shown a view of Mr. Mithoff's rural abode.

JAMES H. ALLEN. In the proprietor of the Springdale Stock Farm, of Darby Township, we present a man of national reputation as a breeder of fast horses and one who is well and favorably known for his honesty, morality and thorough business principles. Born in Darbyville, April 8, 1838, he has always made his home in Pickaway County and is closely identified with its progress.

The great-grandfather of our subject, Ananias Allen, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and early settled in New Jersey, later removing thence to Pennsylvania. John Allen, grandfather of our subject, was a native of New England but removed to Pennsylvania at an early day and in



RESIDENCE OF FRED MITHOFF, SEC. 10, HARRISON TP., PICKAWAY CO., O.

"SPRING DALE STOCK FARM." RES. OF JAMES H. ALLEN, DARBY TP., PICKAWAY CO., OHIO.

that State carried on his trade of a cooper and turner, being a very skillful workman. About the year 1811, accompanied by his family, he came to Ohio and stopped for a short time at Cincinnati. For an old grey horse, which was blind in one eye, he was offered one hundred acres of land on the site of Cincinnati, but refused to trade.

Leaving his family temporarily in Cincinnati, Grandfather Allen proceeded to Bloomingsburgh, which he selected for his home on account of it being a strong Presbyterian settlement, and he was a devoted adherent of that faith. He bought a farm near the village, removed his family thither, and from the wilderness developed a finely improved farm, which was his home until his death at the age of seventy. During his first season there, he cleared a piece of ground by burning a brush heap, and then, building a rail fence around it, planted apple seeds. Afterward he set out the shoots in an orchard, in which some of the original trees are still standing. During the War of 1812, he went to the Lakes to fight, but was not called into active service. In politics, he was a Whig.

James Allen, father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1804 and was one of four children, the others being Henry, Polly, and a daughter that died. When nine years old, James accompanied his parents to Ohio. Naturally studious, he availed himself of the best advantages he could obtain in the district schools, and thus gained a good foundation for future life. At the age of fifteen, he went to Ross County and lived with a relative, working for his board and attending a subscription school which was held by a Mr. McNaily, who had been educated as a Catholic priest and was a fine scholar and teacher.

While attending school here, young Allen was at the head of his classes and was also a leader in games and sports. After three years thus occupied, he spent some time in a school at Chillicothe and began the study of medicine under Dr. Tolan, of London, Ohio. He also studied under Dr. Johnson, of Frankfort, and after examination by the Eighth Medical District of Ohio, was admitted to practice, February 6, 1827.

The professional career of Dr. Allen began at Frankfort, this State, and he afterward engaged in practice at London, Madison County, but finally settled at Darbyville, where he practiced the remainder of his active life, building up a very large practice, which extended for many miles. In those early times, he traveled on horseback, following Indian trails and fording streams, and doing much unremunerative work for the poor. A graduate of the Ohio Medical College, he was a man of wide information, very attentive to business, regular in his habits and very exemplary in all respects. Among men of his profession, he was held to possess more than ordinary ability in the diagnosis of difficult cases. He retired from active life and spent his last days in London, Ohio, dying there July 8, 1867. He was a Whig in his early days and a Republican after the organization of that party.

Elizabeth Russell, who became the wife of Dr. Allen, was born in Pennsylvania in 1803 and died June 29, 1855. Her two daughters, Martha J. and Matilda, are deceased, and her son Homer, who served in the late war, died while at home upon a furlough. Mrs. Elizabeth Allen was an earnest and active member of the Methodist Church. Her father, Joseph Russell, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Madison County, Ohio, about 1810, and after a short residence there settled in London, this State, and built a hewed-log hotel. While officiating as landlord of his hotel during the War of 1812, many a soldier, going to and from the Lakes, would beg to sleep upon the floor. Later, Mr. Russell removed to Indiana and afterward to Minnesota, where he died after completing fourscore years.

The subject of this sketch was reared at Darbyville and educated in the village school. At the age of fifteen, his father set him to buying stock, and thus directed his interest in that direction, so that the youth soon began farming independently. At the age of twenty-two, he settled in Darby Township, as his father had given him an interest in the farm, which originally comprised seven hundred acres, increased by our subject to nine hundred, and which was eventually divided between our subject and his sister. Of this land, Mr. Allen has cleared and developed several hundred acres. He now has four hundred and twenty acres here

and four hundred and twenty-five near Washington C. H., all of which is in an improved condition.

The wife of our subject, Mary C., is the daughter of Joseph Bybee, and was born in Fayette County, Ohio, becoming the wife of Mr. Allen September 15, 1859. Her father was born near Charlottesville, Va., and came with his father to Fayette County at a very early day. He was at one time the largest taxpayer in the county, owning two thousand acres of land and grazing as many as five hundred cattle at a time. He was a man of wonderful natural ability, liberal and kind-hearted, and was accustomed to keep all his accounts and financial matters mentally and without the aid of books. His death occurred at the age of fifty-five years. His wife, Alice Day, was a native of Fayette County, and her mother, Elizabeth (Compton) Day, planted the first corn ever put in the ground by a white woman in Fayette County. Compton Creek was named for her father, who settled on its banks among the Indians in very early days. He was a man of high education, and endeavored to educate and civilize the savages.

Our subject and his worthy wife have two children, Frank M. and Charles. Both are fine young business men, the former being Manager of the Perry Manufacturing Company of Indianapolis, Ind., while the latter is Superintendent of the wheel department of the Columbus Cart Company at Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Allen at first farmed extensively and dealt largely in stock, buying and selling until 1880, when he began devoting himself to breeding the American road and trotting horses.

Our subject became a member of the National Breeders' Association and has trotted his horses at their meetings with a success that has given him distinction as a breeder. Horses that have been bred by Mr. Allen and trotted to records are "Buck Morgan," 2:20¼; "Bliss," 2:21½; "Speedaway," 2:24¼ "Trifle," 2:26¼, and "M'liss," 2:27¼.

At each of his six sales he has disposed of about thirty horses and has buyers throughout the entire country. In all his dealings, he is known to be exceptionally honest, and will never dispose of a horse at private sale after it has been advertised for public sale, although by so doing he has often lost considerable money. He ships brood mares to Pennsylvania, Iowa, Kentucky and other points and breeds to the best horses in the United States. In his stalls are some fine young stallions of the "Electioneer" and "George Wilkes" families.

His business interests engage the entire attention of Mr. Allen, and he has therefore never aspired to office. In his political inclinations, he is a Republican but is independent in regard to his ballot, which he considers best qualified to serve the people acceptably.

Elsewhere in this volume will be noticed a view of the Springdale Stock Farm.

JOHN R. ENTREKIN, residing on section 27, Pickaway Township, on the old Entrekin homestead, known as Bellevue, is a representative in the third generation of a family that has long been illustrious in the annals of Pickaway County as potent in its upbuilding and in its public life, and the name will ever be associated with its rise and progress.

Our subject was born on the farm that he still lives on, October 1, 1844, and is descended from an ancient Highland Scotch family. The first of the Entrekins to come to America was James Entrekin, whose early home was in a mountain pass of Scotland known as Entrekin Pass. He married a lady of Scotch-Irish extraction, who was born in the North of Ireland, and lived to be one hundred and three years old. They came to America in Colonial times and settled in the eastern part of Adams County, Pa. One of their sons, William by name, and his entire family were killed by the Indians on a small stream called Bloody Run. James, another son, married Elizabeth Hall, who was of Scotch-Irish lineage, and they made their home on the battleground near Gettysburg. They reared the following children: James, John, William, Elizabeth, Jane, Esther and Martha.

Their son John, from whom our subject is lineally descended, was born April 22, 1778, and in

1792 went with his father's family to Huntingdon County, Pa., whence he, with others, came to the Northwestern Territory and settled in Ross County, Ohio, in April, 1798, traveling from Wheeling to Chillicothe by a bridle-path known as Zane's Trace, and seeing only four houses on the way, so wild and unsettled was the country through which they passed. John and his friends cleared that season ninety-nine acres of land, afterward entered by Cryder and now known as the Dun Farm. After raising a crop, they returned to their homes in Pennsylvania and prepared to remove their families to the new dwelling-place in the wilderness. They came back to Ohio in October, 1798, with the following members of the Entrekin family: father, mother, John, William and Martha. The mother died in Ross County September 5, 1800, at the age of sixty-seven years, and the family then breaking up, the father returned to Pennsylvania and spent his remaining years with his son James. Martha went to Kentucky to live with her sister, Mrs. James Parkes, and subsequently married Thomas McCutchen. William returned to his native State, and died there in July, 1854.

December 25, 1801, John Entrekin married Nancy Crouse, daughter of John and Catherine Crouse, who had emigrated with their family to Ross County in April, 1798. Her parents were both born near Baltimore, her father January 13, 1759, and her mother May 1, 1764, he being of German extraction and she of Welsh. After settling in Ross County, the father purchased a mill on Kinnickinnick Creek, which was the first mill built in the Scioto Valley. He died September 5, 1845, aged eighty-eight years, and she died on the 12th of the same month at the age of eighty-one years. He had served in the Revolution with great credit when a young man.

John Entrekin was prominent in Ross and Pickaway Counties for a good many years. His life up to 1828 was identified with Ross County, but in March of that year he removed to Pickaway County and thereafter made his home in Pickaway Township. From papers yellow with age, now in the possession of his son, William W. Entrekin, we cull a few facts concerning his official career. The oldest, dated January 14, 1802, Territory of the United States northwest of the Ohio, is his commission as Captain of a company of the first regiment of militia of the county of Ross. A little later he received the following letter:

CHILLICOTHE, May 20, 1803.

SIR:—You will please immediately inform your neighborhood that the Indians are in force on our frontier, and that they ought immediately to arm and equip themselves for the defense of the neighborhood, and be ready to obey such other orders as they may receive.

G. LANGHAM.

Another, who signs his name Jesse Prentiss, wrote: "It is certain they have killed Capt. Herod." Fortunately for all, the attack did not take place.

John Entrekin received his commission as Captain of the Second Company, First Battalion, First Regiment, Second Brigade of Ohio Militia, dated March 24, 1809, and signed by Samuel Huntington, then Governor of the State. He performed arduous service during the War of 1812, first having charge of a company of horsemen in the Auglaize country, where he was sent to aid in the relief of Ft. Defiance. Returning to Chillicothe from that expedition, the following fall and winter he was at the head of a force which guarded the wagon trains that conveyed supplies from the then capital to Upper Sandusky, and he also had the management of the business in a commercial way. Near the close of the war, he was appointed Captain of a company of infantry, and in June, 1817, Gov. Thomas Worthington notified him of his appointment as Major of the Second Regiment, of which only a few days later he was made Lieutenant-Colonel. November 13, 1818, he was commissioned Colonel of the Third Regiment, Third Brigade, Second Division of the Ohio troops. He was three times appointed Justice of the Peace—in 1815, by Gov. Worthington; in 1819, by Gov. Ethan A. Brown; and in 1822, by Gov. Allen Trimble. In 1821, he represented Ross County in the Legislature, and in 1838 the Legislature elected him Common Pleas Judge of Pickaway County, which position he held until his death, May 10, 1842, at the age of sixty-four years. The county then lost one of its most distinguished and valuable citizens, a man of remarkable activity

and force of character, who was very influential in its social, religious, political and public life, and was known for his generous encouragement of all things that would in any way benefit the community. His was one of the half-dozen families who organized the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, the first church in Ross County. The father of our subject has in his possession a sword which is a memento of the Captain's bravery in an encounter, in 1814, with the Indians near Little Sandusky, he having saved his life by its dexterous use when they were upon him with their knives, anxious to secure his scalp as a trophy.

Capt. Entrekin's wife, who was born February 16, 1783, died January 16, 1845, at the age of sixty-one years. The following is the record of their children: Elizabeth, who was born January 4, 1803, and subsequently married James McCoy, died August 23, 1872; James, born October 18, 1804, married Margaret Steele for his first wife, and Elizabeth Shirley for his second wife, and died October 19, 1870; Catherine, born November 1, 1806, married John Carter, of Nicholas County, Ky., and died in Missouri in November, 1867; John, born April 9, 1809, married Frances Moore who is now dead; William W., father of our subject, was born March 12, 1812; Daniel Crouse, the next in order of birth, was born September 21, 1814, married Jane Torbet, and died in Independence, Jackson County, Mo., in 1891; Pheraby, born May 25, 1817, was first married to Russell D. Rockwell, and next to Abram Jones, of Ross County; Dianthe, born August 1, 1819, married Dr. A. W. Thompson, of Circleville, and died August 22, 1858; Jane, born January 30, 1822, died in infancy; Nancy C., born December 8, 1831, is living in Kingston, Ohio.

The father of our subject obtained his education in the crude pioneer schools of Ross County, that were taught on the subscription plan, his first teacher being George H. Kimball, of Vermont. Mr. Entrekin attended school but two and one-half years in his youth. He was a tall lad, his head grazing the ceiling of the old log school house. His boyhood days were spent on his father's farm in clearing away the timber and preparing the soil for cultivation, as they were living in a perfect wilderness. At the age of sixteen, his father, who had engaged extensively in farming after the War of 1812, established him as a farmer, cattle-breeder and dealer, giving him charge of four farms, and he did an extensive business. He went to Kentucky annually for twenty-three years, to buy cattle to feed and sell. He has lived on the old Entrekin homestead on section 34, Pickaway Township, a half-mile north of Kingston, since 1828, a period of sixty-four years. At first he lived in a part log and part frame house, but in 1840 he built a commodious brick house, which he occupied until his death, hewing the heavy timbers that form the foundation, and having the brick made on the farm, teaming one hundred and forty-four loads of stone to be used in the construction of the dwelling, the only material not found on the farm. He drove a six-horse team in doing his work. He had been a very large land-owner in his time, once having nearly eight hundred acres in his home farm, and had had three thousand acres of land in his possession, but he divided a good deal of it among his children.

Mr. Entrekin, Sr., was married May 31, 1842, to Miss Jane Bell, a native of Circleville, born March 7, 1820, and a daughter of Thomas and Ruth (Foresman) Bell. Her father came to America from Ireland, his native country, when he was a lad. He afterward returned to his old home, but eventually came back to the United States and settled in Ohio. He was a miller and a storekeeper, and for many years was a well-known business man of Circleville. He died in 1823, and his wife in 1833. Four of their six children are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Entrekin had four children, as follows: John Rockwell; Creaton, born March 24, 1847; Flora Belle, September 18, 1849; and Tacy C., February 24, 1862, who married Newton Davis, of Decatur, Ill., where they live. Flora Belle died June 25, 1892. The parents of our subject were both members of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Entrekin still continues a member, since their childhood days, and their names are associated with many good works that have benefited the community where they have lived so many years. Mr. Entrekin was an old-line Whig in early manhood, and he voted for

Gen. W. H. Harrison in 1836 and 1840, and in 1888 had the pleasure of casting his vote for Gen. Benjamin Harrison. He died at his home June 1, 1892, and his widow still survives him on the old homestead.

John R. Entrekin has always lived in Pickaway, his native township, where he was reared on his father's farm, obtaining his education in the local schools, and becoming thoroughly familiar with all branches of agriculture under his father's instruction. Since his marriage, he has lived on section 27, where he has one hundred and sixty acres of good farming land, that are amply supplied with modern buildings and all the improvements that go to make up a farm that ranks with the best in the vicinity.

Our subject was married September 13, 1876, to Miss Laura J. Anderson, a native of Frankfort, Ross County. They have one son, Carl A., born November 15, 1878. Both Mr. and Mrs. Entrekin are among the leading members of the Presbyterian Church at Kingston, of which he is Elder, and they have done much to promote its usefulness as an influence for good in the community.

OLIVER PERRY BRINKER, M. D., a resident physician of Darbyville, and a native-born son of Pickaway County, whose life record is an honor to its citizenship, is distinguished in his profession, which he still practices, and also has an enviable reputation as a business man, whose valuable farming and stock interests are very ably managed.

Dr. Brinker was born in Walnut Township, December 11, 1837, and is a son of George Brinker, a hero of the War of 1812, who in after years played a prominent part in developing the agricultural resources of this county by reclaiming several hundred acres of land from its original wildness, and was also a conspicuous figure in the religious life of his community. He was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and was reared on a farm in his native State. In early manhood, he married Elizabeth Young, who was a native of Virginia, and he and his wife came on horseback, with their earthly possessions in a small bundle, to Ohio to found a home in the forest wilds of Pickaway, in the early days of its settlement, and in the busy years that followed were among its most diligent and useful pioneers. Mr. Brinker bought a quarter-section of land in Walnut Township, and worked out by the month to pay for it. Game was plentiful, the country being wild and sparsely settled, and as he was a fine marksman, the man who employed him paid him to hunt deer and other wild animals by the month instead of working on a farm all the time. He was a man of fine physique, six feet in height and straight as an arrow, and was well endowed with those traits that lead to success in any walk in life. He and his wife began life here in a log house, and bent their energies to better their fortunes, working early and late, and with her active co-operation, he gathered together a valuable property, becoming the proprietor of seven hundred acres of choice farming land.

At the age of seventy-three, death closed the life of this good man, but he still lives in the hearts of those who knew and loved him for his pure, noble character. He was simple and straightforward in his manner, sound and sensible in his opinions, and he was a veritable Christian, with strong religious convictions. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and did much to encourage the growth of the denomination in his neighborhood, having preaching at his house, and in other ways promoting the cause in which his sympathies were so deeply enlisted. He had a good record as a soldier, serving with devoted patriotism throughout the War of 1812. He helped to carry the day in the famous battle of Lake Erie, fought near Put-in-Bay September 10, 1813, when for the first time a whole British squadron surrendered in a naval contest with Americans, the victory being announced to Gen. Harrison by the brave Capt. Oliver H. Perry, by whose invincible courage and determination it had been won, in the message so famous for its simple brevity, yet so full of meaning: "We have met the enemy and they are ours—two ships, two brigs, one schooner, and one sloop." So greatly did the

father of our subject admire and reverence his old commander, he named his son of whom we write in his honor. An uncle of our subject was killed in that same war. The Doctor's mother, of blessed memory, departed this life at the age of sixty-five. She was George Brinker's second wife, and was the mother of three children: Catherine E., now deceased, one who died in infancy, and the Doctor. His first wife was the mother of a large family of children, carefully training them to honorable lives: Barney, John, Silas, George, Nancy, Susan, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary and Lavina.

Our subject was reared on a farm in his native township. His father and mother died when he was a boy, within seven weeks of each other, and after that sad event in his life he went to live with his sister Nancy. His early education was conducted in the district schoolhouse, which was built of logs and furnished with slab benches, and the school was carried on under the rate-bill system. When about eighteen years of age, the Doctor went to college at Delaware, but was taken sick a few months later and had to return home. He then had private instructions in Fairfield County, and after obtaining a certificate, taught school one winter there and one term in Franklin County. Deciding to enter the medical profession, for which he had a natural taste, he began to prepare himself for it under the instruction of Dr. George E. Eels, of Lithopolis, with whom he read medicine three years, thus laying a solid foundation for the course that he subsequently pursued at the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, of which he is a graduate.

After leaving college, the Doctor entered upon the practice of his profession with his old instructor, Dr. Eels, with whom he remained six months. Returning then to Pickaway County, he established himself at Bloomfield, whence he went a year later to Shadeville, Franklin County, where he built up a large and lucrative practice. He was a resident of that town from 1865 until 1880, with the exception of a year spent at Circleville. In the latter year, he came to Darbyville, which he has since made his home. For some time, he devoted himself exclusively to his practice, which was extensive, covering a good deal of territory, for he early made a name for himself as a physician of rare ability, well grounded in medical learning and the proper treatment of the prevailing diseases of this section of the country. Of late, he has given much attention to farming and stock interests, and buys and raises a considerable number of cattle and hogs, owning some very fine cattle of standard breeds. He has two hundred and thirty-six and one-eighth acres of land, one hundred acres in one tract, the remainder in another, and all in Muhlenberg Township, except thirty-three and one-third acres in Jackson Township, and he rents it, taking his pay in grain, which brings him in a good income. In the season of 1884-85, he built the frame residence on Main Street, Darbyville, in which he and his wife have a home attractive in its appointments and abounding in the comforts that add so much to the pleasure of living.

Our subject was married, in the fall of 1864, to Miss Kate Hill, a native of this township, whose family history will be found in the biographical sketch of her sister, Mrs. Anna Montgomery. Mrs. Brinker is a true, womanly woman, whose fine personal attributes have won her the sincere regard of all who come under her influence. She is of the Methodist faith in religion and a devoted member of the church. Of the four children born to her and her subject, three have passed through the gates of death to the land of the immortals: George E., Annie Bell and Frank. One son, Erasmus W., is left to be their pride and comfort in their declining years. He is a bright and talented young man, well educated, a member of the Columbus Bar, and has a promising future before him in his profession. He is popular in social circles, and is an earnest worker in the Methodist Church, of which he is a member in high standing.

Dr. Brinker is a man of strong personality, with a broad, calm, practical mind and firm will, and a keen sagacity in business matters, whereby he has achieved financial success. He is of a generous temper, has given liberally of his means to churches and charitable objects, and his name is associated with many of the progressive movements that have resulted in local improvement. He was head of the village government as Mayor for some years,

and administered public affairs with a firm and steady hand, and he was also School Director for a short time. In his politics, he was a Democrat, until that party repealed the Dow Prohibition Law, but since then he has been independent.

JAMES A. McLEAN, who is widely and favorably known throughout Fayette County as one who has held high official positions, is one of the leading citizens of Washington C. H., where he has a beautiful home. He is a native of that city, born March 4, 1841, in a house that stood on the present site of the Arlington House, the place being at that time the property of his father, Samuel McLean.

Samuel McLean was born in one of the early homes of Ross County in 1808, and was reared amid the pioneer scenes of his birthplace. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania and were of Scotch descent. After completing his education, Samuel McLean came to Washington C. H., in 1837, and established himself in this city in the general mercantile business. He was married that year to Miss Eliza C. Robinson, who was a daughter of John Robinson, a prominent farmer of Ross County at that time. Mr. McLean continued prosperously engaged in his business until his death, August, 22, 1852. He was one of the original settlers of Washington C. H., and his widow, who is still living at a venerable age, is one of the oldest residents of the town, whose good fortune it is to have witnessed its rise and progress almost from the beginning. Samuel McLean was a Whig and had an intelligent understanding of politics in his day. He was the father of seven children, of whom these four are living: James A.; John R., a resident of Washington C. H.; Cincinnatus, a jeweler at Athens; and Ione, the wife of M. B. Bryan, a resident of Washington C. H. and a farmer by occupation.

The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of his native city, and after his education was completed, he taught two terms of school during the winters of 1861 and 1862. In the latter year, in which he attained his majority, he threw aside all personal aims and ambitions, to take his place in the ranks of brave boys in blue to help fight his country's battles, his name being placed on the roll of Company C, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Infantry, on the 9th of August, he having been engaged previously in assisting to recruit the regiment, and he was commissioned Sergeant of his company. He was present at the siege of Vicksburg, faced the enemy in the battle of Arkansas Post, on the White River, and did his share of fighting in other engagements. However zealous he was in the interest of the cause for which he and his comrades did battle, and however loyalty to the flag prompted him to dare and suffer much, he was obliged to succumb to the hardships and privations of war, and February 6, 1863, was honorably discharged on account of disability and returned to his home and friends with a fine record for good soldiership, of which they were proud.

After he left the army, Mr. McLean resumed teaching and was so employed one term. He then received the appointment to the office of Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for the Sixth District of Southern Ohio. He acted in that capacity for two years and was then made Deputy Assessor of the Internal Revenue for the same district, which position he filled six years. He next worked as civil engineer and Surveyor of the County. He filled the office of Surveyor of Fayette County twelve years and was regarded as one of the most useful and reliable of the officials who had ever served the county in that position. At the expiration of his term of office, Mr. McLean turned his attention to farming, purchasing a farm of five hundred acres in Wayne Township; and taking up his residence on the place, he devoted himself zealously to tilling the soil and raising stock and continued to occupy the farm for ten years, with the exception of several winters spent in Washington C. H. that the children might attend school. In the fall of 1888, he settled here permanently with his family, having purchased a residence at No. 225 East East Street, in a very attractive quarter of the city. Mr. McLean is prominent socially as a member of the Masonic fraternity and as a Knight

Templar. Politically, he is a Republican of the highest standard, and religiously, a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. McLean was married, in 1867, to Miss Catherine, daughter of Charles Briggs, who was a prominent farmer of Ross County. She is a woman eminently fitted in every way for a home-maker, and to her devotion to his interests our subject owes much. They are the parents of five children: Nettie, the wife of Dr. Charles B. Jones, a practicing physician at Kingston; Charles R., who is at home; Eliza, who is attending the Ontario Ladies' College, at Whitby, Ontario, Canada; Fred B. and Mary, who are at home attending school.

C. R. DALBEY is a member of the famous firm of Dalbey Bros., of Washington C. H., proprietors of the Fayette Poultry Yards, and one of the largest dealers in their line in the State. The Dalbey brothers are sons of the Rev. R. M. Dalbey, who was born in Great Grove, Greene County, in 1816, coming of one of the early families of Ohio. He attended the pioneer schools of that county, but was mainly self-educated, as he was very fond of books and throughout life was a great student. He was early converted to the cause of Christ, into which he threw his whole soul, and at the age of twenty-six he entered the ministry, joining the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. He devoted himself earnestly to his sacred calling twenty years, and then, being obliged to abandon it on account of a throat trouble, he turned his attention to the grocery business, which he carried on some twelve years. Returning then to the pulpit, he continued to occupy it until the hour of his death, which occurred at Jasper Mills in the fifty-ninth year of his age.

The mother of our subject was Elizabeth A. (Harrison) Dalbey, a native of England, and a sister of Hon. Richard A. Harrison, of Columbus, and a daughter of the Rev. Robert Harrison, who was a native of England, and a resident of Springfield, this State, many years, coming to this country in 1830, and a pioneer preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Six of the seven children born to the Rev. R. M. Dalbey and wife are still living, five sons and one daughter. The eldest is the Rev. J. H. Dalbey, who is a member of the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church; the sister, Mary E., lives at the family residence at Washington C. H., as also does her brother next younger; the Rev. A. F. Dalbey, a member of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; our subject is the fourth in order of birth; after him comes J. L., a member of the Cincinnati Conference, who has charge of a church at Christiansburgh; W. R., the youngest of the family, is city editor of the *Cyclone*, a Republican organ, is Secretary of the Southern Ohio Poultry Association, and a member of the Mystic Circle. The Rev. J. H. is a member of the Masonic fraternity, to which his brother A. F. also belongs, beside being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. All are Republicans, with the exception of J. L., who is a Prohibitionist. Like his brother, our subject is also a zealous member of the Methodist Church, and is an active worker in the Sunday-school. The mother of this family died in 1880, at Jasper Mills, and her mortal remains were placed beside those of her husband. The principal subject of this sketch, C. R. Dalbey, was born in the town of Xenia. He was educated in the public schools of Springfield, and after leaving school learned the trade of a carpenter, at which he worked five years. At the end of that time, he inaugurated the enterprise which has grown into one of the most extensive poultry businesses in this part of the country. All of his brothers are associated with him, and theirs is one of the largest poultry firms in the State. Their establishment is located at Nos. 387, 389 and 391 Washington Avenue. Their business is ably conducted under the name of the Fayette Poultry Yards, which is known far and wide, as they have patrons throughout the Union. They breed about thirty different varieties of fancy poultry, dealing in none but the purest breeds. One reason for their remarkable success is their far-sighted policy of extensive advertising, by which means they have

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reached nearly two millions of people in various parts of the United States. They are now getting out their seventh annual catalogue, which will be issued in a neat form, and will be fully illustrated.

JOHN RIDDLE and his intelligent and interesting wife are recognized universally as among the foremost people of Darby Township, Pickaway County. He is a man of excellent judgment, and few farmers who began with scant means, as did he, have accumulated so much property in as short a time. He was born in Madison County, just north of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, September 1, 1831. His father, Abner Riddle, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1783, but came to Madison County, Ohio, when a young man, traveling by wagon. He worked out for neighboring farmers for several years, and after his marriage bought a farm one-half mile north of Mt. Sterling.

The young couple settled in the woods in a log cabin and had frequent calls from Indian neighbors. Game was plentiful and the deer and turkeys which fell by the young farmer's gun supplied his family with meat. He owned one hundred and thirty acres of land, which he improved and developed into a good farm. At one time, he was a member of the Christian Church. His politics were of the Whig persuasion, but he never cared to occupy office. His death occurred in 1848.

The mother of our subject was born near Harper's Ferry, Va., and was known in maidenhood as Sarah Thomas. When quite young, she came to Ohio with her parents, who were early settlers in these parts. She reared to years of maturity eight children, namely: Mary A., Mrs. Alkire; Jackson; Maria, Mrs. Robison; Harrison; Letha, Mrs. Corney; John, Abner, and William L. The mother died at the age of eighty-four, having spent a long life in usefulness. She was a member of the Christian Church, and was very active in her early days, but on account of her loss of eyesight in her later years, she did not often attend divine service. Both parents lie at rest in the Alkire Cemetery, near Mt. Sterling.

He of whom we write had his early training and education upon the farm and in the primitive schoolhouse. He was allowed to attend school in the winter only, as his help was needed upon the farm during the summer. He began life for himself at the age of eighteen, hiring out to neighbors by the month at the wages of $7, and continued working for others until he reached the age of thirty-five, laboring most of the time in Ohio, but spending some time in Illinois and Indiana. During 1856, he was in Piatt County, Ill., and in 1863 was in Benton County, Ind., where he had an interest in some cattle which he was engaged in herding. In 1856, he drove a large number of cattle through to the Eastern market.

November 21, 1866, our subject was married to Martha Elizabeth Young, who was born near Mt. Sterling, December 16, 1844. They lost two children, who died in early infancy, and have one living, Tenny E., a son of eighteen years, who is now attending school at Darby. Immediately after marriage, they settled on the farm where they now live, a property which belonged to the father of Mrs. Riddle, and which was bought by Mr. Riddle in 1868. To the three hundred and forty original acres he has added until he now has five hundred and thirty acres and here he has made substantial and permanent improvements, putting in drainage, establishing fences, and erecting excellent farm buildings. They first settled in a log house, but in 1876 built the large frame house in which they now reside, and during the same year put up the frame barn.

Although Mr. Riddle pays considerable attention to wheat, his principal crop is corn, much of which is fed to his stock and the remainder sold. He keeps large numbers of hogs, cattle and sheep, and has shipped some stock, but sells most of it in the home market. His financial success has been principally gained in this way, through the medium of corn and hogs. One hundred acres of his land are in timber and four hundred and thirty acres are improved.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Riddle are efficient and earnest members of the Christian Church, in which they take an active interest and for which they are ever ready to give of their means and efforts.

They contributed to build the church and are generous in its support. The doctrines of the Republican party were in accordance with the views of Mr. Riddle, and he voted that ticket until two years ago, since which time he has been a Prohibitionist. He began in poverty, but has made a great success of his work and business by dint of hard work and good management. He never borrowed a cent of money, but now is able to loan large amounts. He was one of the five men who laid out and platted the city of Derby, in the progress of which he has ever been interested.

On another page is shown a portrait of Mr. Riddle.

WILLIAM E. MORRIS, Clerk of the Courts of Pickaway County, and an enterprising, public-spirited citizen of Circleville, was born in Clinton County, Ohio, September 8, 1861, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Elliott) Morris. The grandfather, Isaac Morris, was born in Pennsylvania, and when a young man emigrated with his family to Highland County, Ohio, where he was engaged in farming until his death. The Morris family is of English descent.

John Morris was born in Highland County, and his wife in Clinton County. Her father, Benjamin Elliott, was also a native of Clinton County, and is still living, at the age of eighty years. Mr. Morris located in that county, where he engaged in farming until 1861. In that year, he removed to Jay County, Ind., and there enlisted as private in the One Hundredth Indiana Infantry. He died in the hospital in Nashville, Tenn., in 1863, and was there buried. After his death, his widow returned to Clinton County, Ohio, and now resides in New Holland.

Our subject was their only child. His education was acquired in the common schools, and when sixteen years of age he began clerking in the post-office in Sabina, where he remained two years. He then spent eighteen months as a clerk in a drug store, after which he removed to Canon City, Col., and spent one summer in the drug business at that place. On his return to Sabina, he was employed as a salesman until 1882, when he removed to New Holland and established a drug store. He built up the largest business at that place, and is still owner of the store.

Mr. Morris was married in New Holland, November 22, 1885, to Miss Kate Kennedy, a native of that place, and a daughter of Andrew Kennedy, a native of the Emerald Isle, who became an early settler of New Holland. He now resides in Springfield, Ohio. Two interesting children have been born to our subject and his wife: Mary and Frank.

Mr. Morris held the position of Postmaster in Holland from 1885 until 1889, and was a member of the City Council for several years. In the autumn of 1890, he was nominated on the Democratic ticket, and elected to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court and Court of Common Pleas, and entered upon the duties of the position February 9, 1891. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and has represented his lodge in the Grand Lodge. He is a charter member of the Sons of Veterans of Bob McCook Camp, the largest camp in the State, and has twice served as its Captain. Mr. Morris is a gentleman of sterling worth and integrity, held in high regard throughout the community for his many excellencies of character.

ORLANDO VAN BUSKIRK. The great-grandfather of our subject, Peter Van Buskirk, was one of the first pioneers to brave the dangers and hardships of the wilderness to found a home in Pickaway County, and from that day to this the Van Buskirks, from generation to generation, have been closely identified with its rise and growth, with its material progress, and with its higher interests. Orlando Van Buskirk, of whom we write, is one of the most intelligent and enlightened farmers of Monroe Township. He was born in said township, one mile east of his present home, August 25, 1848. His father, Peter Van Buskirk, was born in Perry Township, May 15, 1826, a son of John Van Buskirk, who was

born in Allegany County, Md., November 19, 1795. The American branch of the family that originated in Holland was established by nine brothers, who came here in Colonial times and settled in different parts of the East.

The great-grandfather of our subject, who was a Maryland farmer in the early days, came over the mountains to Ohio in 1799, with pack-horses. He spent a year in Chillicothe, and then penetrated into the wilderness to a point on Deer Creek, near Williamsport, in this county, where he located on a tract of nine hundred acres of land that he bought of the Government. He there erected a log cabin, and with his family began the primitive life necessitated by their wild surroundings. He partly developed a farm, and on Deer Creek built the first grist-mill in that vicinity, building it of logs and fastening the shingles with wooden pins, there being no nails then. He operated the mill for some years, and also a distillery in connection with it. He and his wife both lived to a good old age, and reared a large family of boys and girls. When she came to this State, she brought some apple seeds in her pocket from Maryland, and planted them on the farm on Deer Creek now owned by Mr. Dunlap, and some of the trees that sprang therefrom are still standing and are very large.

The grandfather of our subject was a boy when he came here. He had no school advantages, with the exception of one term's schooling, but learned to read at home. He was married February 8, 1821, to Sophia Seward, who was born in Virginia July 8, 1799. In early life he was an infidel, but soon after his marriage he was converted, and began to preach the Gospel in houses, barns and schoolhouses, as there were no churches at that time. August 8, 1823, he united with the Christian Church at Williamsport, and was a noble worker in its upbuilding. He was a self-educated man, of strong common sense and of no mean ability, and his earnestness and desire to do good carried conviction to the hearts of those with whom he labored. He was prospered in his calling as a farmer, and became the owner of six hundred acres of land in this township, beside seven hundred acres near Muncie, Ind. His wife was a woman of strong convictions, though lacking in education, and she filled a useful sphere in life, being well beloved by all who knew her for her fine qualities of mind and heart. She was a Christian in every sense of the word, always cherishing the welfare of the church, and she was noted for her benevolence in giving to the needy, and in helping to build different churches. She passed away January 10, 1868, and Grandfather Van Buskirk, September 15, 1874, the latter aged nearly seventy-nine years.

This is the record of their children: Caroline, born June 18, 1822, married John Wood July 5, 1840, and is now dead; Diantha, born October 12, 1824, married Lieut. Samuel Roland, August 23, 1846, and died January 20, 1849; Peter, the father of our subject, was the next in order of birth; then came Rhoda, who was born June 2, 1831, married William Bennett in August, 1845, and died March 22, 1874; Sarah, born August 28, 1833, married Hiram Russell February 3, 1857, and lives in Delaware County, Ind.; Orlando, born June 6, 1829, was married in August, 1856, to Elizabeth Betts, and died in Clarksburgh, January 11, 1858; Francis M., born September 5, 1838, married Diana T. Hays, and died September 27, 1865; Mary, born March 26, 1836, married Adam Bailey, and lives at Mt. Sterling; William H., born May 3, 1842, died November 2, 1865.

The father of our subject was reared to the life of a farmer, and when he began his independent career in that line, he settled on the farm now occupied by his son Orlando, and in due time had the woods cleared away, and the land under good cultivation. He owned four hundred acres of land, and did an extensive business as a general farmer. He made a specialty of raising hogs, and also had other stock, and was one of the substantial men of his township. He was an exemplary citizen and a sound Republican, but never aspired to office. He was of a sincerely religious nature, and nearly all his life was a consistent member of the Christian Church. The mother of our subject was Rebecca Wood in her maiden days, a daughter of Col. William D. and Elizabeth Wood, and was born in Madison County, December 5, 1825. She took an active interest in the Christian Church.

of which she was a life-long member, and in her death, at the age of forty-nine years, it lost one of its most devoted followers. She was the mother of three children: Orlando V.; Elizabeth, who was born July 17, 1850, and is now the wife of W. F. Mercer, of Columbus; and Isabelle, who was born August 20, 1852, married S. Timmons, and is now dead.

The boyhood of our subject was passed much as that of other farmer's boys in like circumstances. The first school that he attended was held in a typical pioneer log house, with a large open fire-place for heating purposes, and slab benches for seats. The school was conducted on the subscription plan. He later attended the Normal at Lebanon for about four months. He lived at home with his parents until their death, his father buying a farm and giving him a half-interest in it if he would remain with them. After marriage, he settled on the farm that he now occupies, and his mother came to live with him and died a year later. At the time of the death of his father, our subject and his mother and two sisters were ill with typhoid fever, and unable to be present at the last sad rites when the beloved one was laid to rest.

Mr. Van Buskirk has a fine farm of three hundred acres of land, all improved and well drained. He was formerly engaged in the manufacture of tile, the second man to establish that line of business in this county. He began it in 1874, and was extensively employed in making it until 1887. He made from two-inch to ten-inch tiles, burning as many as twelve kilns a season, and he had the reputation of manufacturing the best tile in the county. There was a large demand for it, and during the fourteen years that he dealt in it he always gave perfect satisfaction. He now gives his attention to mixed farming, raising grain and stock. He formerly engaged quite extensively in dealing in cattle and hogs, buying many cattle in the northern part of the State, and he has wintered as many as one hundred and fifty.

Our subject is a great reader, and has a well-selected library as one of the attractions of his pleasant home. He is possessed of a large fund of information, is an interesting conversationalist, and always seems to know when to say the right word in the right place. He is a man of generous breadth, unselfish in thought and action, and it is said of him that "he is one of the few who live not alone for self, but to do good to others." He and his wife are members of the Christian Church, both taking an earnest interest in religious matters, and he was once Trustee of the church, and served three years as Superintendent of the Sunday-school. Politically, he is a Republican, and he held the office of Land Appraiser in 1890. He is a member of the Masonic order at Mt. Sterling; Fayette Chapter No. 103, and Garfield Commandery No. 28, at Washington C. H. Mr. Van Buskirk was married January 11, 1872, to Miss Emma Rowlen, by whom he has five children: William G., Pearl, May and Minnie (twins) and Verna.

CHARLES W. HORN, the Editor of the Plain City *Dealer*, was born at Martin's Ferry, Belmont County, Ohio, August 19, 1857 His father, Gary Horn, a native of Ohio, born near Cadiz, Harrison County, was a farmer and tile-maker. He was married in Ohio to Miss Sarah Spring, a native of this State, and they located at Martin's Ferry. They became the parents of four children, three sons and one daughter. The eldest, Adolph, is the Postmaster in Plain City; Armeda is the wife of D. La Mar Lombard; and M. W., who is the twin brother of our subject, is a painter. All of the family, both parents and children, make their home in Plain City. Our subject, in his earlier years, lived with his parents at Somerville and Woodstock, then in Marion, Ohio, before coming to Plain City. He remained with his father until his marriage, and began learning the printer's trade after coming to Plain City, working for several firms before starting a paper for himself.

Mr. Horn established the Plain City *Dealer*, which has now about seven hundred circulation and has been very successful as a business enterprise. A fine grade of job printing and a great variety of work is done in his office. The mar-

riage of our subject, which took place in the year 1885, united him with Miss Jessie Haynes, of Plain City. She was born in New California, Ohio, but as she came to Plain City with her parents when an infant, has found her home here through life. One daughter has blessed this home, to whom has been given the name of Louise. Although Mr. Horn is, in his personal preferences, a Republican in politics, his paper is neutral in political affairs and devotes itself mainly to the promotion of the prosperity and business interests of Plain City.

JOHN W. ALLEN is numbered among the enterprising and successful farmers of Range Township, Madison County. He was born in Jefferson Township, Fayette County, December 13, 1835, and is a son of Adam and Rosanna (Hidy) Allen. His father, who was born in March, 1811, is still living in Jefferson Township, Fayette County.

Our subject had limited educational advantages, but his training in hard labor was not at all meagre. After attaining to man's estate, he led to the marriage altar, on the 5th of October, 1857, Miss Harriet A. Fent, of Jefferson Township, and unto them have been born twelve children, nine of whom are still living. Vena Olive was married, and at her death left two children; Addie May died at the age of seven years; Delia is the wife of William Badger, of Fayette County, and has one child; Hulda and Eugene Sheridan are at home; Rosanna Catherine is the wife of Charles Baughn; Cora F., Icy, Urban, Osa and Emily are under the parental roof; and one child died in infancy.

When Mr. Allen started out in life for himself, he had to go in debt for his team and farming implements, and for two years he resided upon rented land. He entered the army August 13, 1862, joining the boys in blue of Company K, Forty-fourth Ohio Infantry. He participated in the battles of Dutton Hill, Louisville, and the siege of Knoxville. In 1864, he was transferred to the Eighth Ohio Cavalry, and saw service in the Shenandoah Valley, under Sheridan. He participated in the battle of Winchester, and also in the engagement when Gen. Sheridan made his famous ride. He was never wounded or taken prisoner, and was honorably discharged in May, 1865.

When the country no longer needed his services, Mr. Allen returned home and again rented land for a time. His first purchase consisted of fifty-eight acres in Jefferson Township, Fayette County. After two years, he sold this, and bought one hundred acres in Stokes Township, Madison County. In 1884, he purchased his present farm, becoming owner of one hundred and fifty-four acres. His fields are well tilled, his improvements many, and a glance at the place indicates the supervision of a careful manager.

Mr. Allen has been a stanch Republican since he cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. He has frequently served as a delegate to the county conventions, but has never sought or desired public office. He holds membership with Vincent Allen Post No. 678, G. A. R., of Sedalia, and attended the National Reunion in Columbus and in Detroit. He was a valiant soldier during the late war, is a leading agriculturist of the community, and a prominent citizen, highly esteemed by all who know him.

MRS. DR. E. A. VAN RIPER is a lady whom nature seems to have especially fitted for the profession she is now following, and she has met with unusual success in this calling. She has all those attributes, physical, mental and moral, and the host of minor graces of manner and person, essential to the making of a truly great physician. The Doctor was born in Lodi, Washtenaw County, Mich., and is a daughter of Edmon G. and Lucinda (Isbell) Rogers, both natives of New York State, the father born in Orange and the mother in Madison County.

Grandfather Edmon G. Rogers was a native of Sheffield, England, but came to America at an early date and located in Orange County, N. Y., where

he became a very wealthy man and a man of leisure. His wife had been formerly Miss Martha E. Galley, a lady of Irish descent and a descendant of one of the best Irish families. The Rogers are also descendants of a very prominent family, and trace their ancestry back to Lord Rogers, of England.

The father of our subject was a well-educated man and a graduate of West Point. After finishing his education, he came to Michigan and purchased a farm in Lodi Township, Washtenaw County, which he operated until his death, early in 1861. He was an excellent citizen and a man universally respected. In politics, he was a strong adherent of the principles of the Republican party. His wife was the daughter of Leonard Isbell, who was a native of one of the Eastern States, of Scotch descent and an early settler of Washtenaw County, Mich. He served in the War of 1812, and later located at Stockbridge, Mich., where he received his final summons. The mother of our subject resides in Jackson, Mich., at the present time. Five daughters and one son were born to her marriage.

At the early age of three years, our subject was sent to school, where she displayed so much ability and advanced so rapidly in her studies that when fourteen years of age she went to Ann Arbor, Mich., and attended the High School for about five years. On the 4th of Augest, 1864, she married Dr. M. H. Van Riper, a native of New York State, and of Dutch and Welsh extraction. His father, John Van Riper, was a prominent attorney of Albany, N. Y. Mr. Van Riper was educated in New York, studied medicine for two years at Bellevue College and then went to Michigan, where he intended entering the medical department of Ann Arbor University, but instead enlisted in a Michigan regiment as Surgeon. He was wounded at Malvern Hill and, after being in several Southern hospitals, was taken to Detroit more dead than alive. He finally recovered, was honorably discharged and, when able, continued his medical studies, graduating from the University of Michigan in 1865, with the degree of M. D.

After marriage, our subject and her husband removed to Momence, Ill., practiced there for three years and then located at Kankakee. She began the study of medicine under her husband and took lectures from him every evening for eight years. She became very proficient in this profession and was examined and registered by William Kanagie as a practicing physician in Illinois. She then practiced in Kankakee until April 16, 1881, when she located in Circleville and has been a successful practitioner here since.

Three children were born to this union and were in the order of their births as follows: Myron E., a practical printer, of Chicago; Garrett A. is a pressman in New York City, and Marquis De La-Fayette is at home. Dr. Van Riper has given her children good educational advantages and they are all bright young men. In politics, the Doctor is a stanch Republican.

J. R. MARSHALL, the popular Editor and Manager of the *Ohio State Register* at Washington C. H., has occupied that position on the paper for the past two and one-half years. A native of New York, he was born in Newark, Wayne County, October 22, 1843, and is the son of Francis H. Marshall, who is engaged in the manufacture of wagons, buggies, etc. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Sarah J. Miller; she was the daughter of Jasper Miller, who is now deceased, having lived for nearly a century.

He of whom we write was given a good education in the schools of Lockport, N. Y., whither his parents removed when he was quite young. When old enough to start out in life on his own responsibility, he began work in the office of the *Daily Union*, at Lockport, where he learned the "art preservative," and remained for six years. At the expiration of that time, Mr. Marshall went to Albany, in the same State, and later to New York City, where he was employed on job work, and there made his home until 1867, which was the date of his coming to Highland County, this State. At Hillsboro, he was engaged in publishing the *Gazette* for seventeen years, at the end of which time he went to Springfield and purchased an interest in the *Sunday News*, where he remained for the five succeeding years. In September, 1888, he came to

Washington C. H. and assumed the business management of the *Register Democrat.* A year later, however, in company with Wolf and Jones, our subject established the *Ohio State Register*, with which paper he is still connected, although the paper is owned by R. B. Palmer.

The lady to whom our subject was married July 14, 1862, was Miss Sarah L. Barnes, and to them have been born three children, viz.: Nellie M., Maude and Maurice. Mrs. Marshall was born in Niagara County, N. Y., in 1845, and was the daughter of Joel P. and Sarah A. Barnes, her father being a prominent bridge contractor and builder. The father of our subject is still living and makes his home in Lockport, N. Y. In social matters, he of whom we write has been for many years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Religiously, Mrs. Marshall is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN G. WILSON, M. D. The witness of the transformations wrought by fifty years in the improvement and development of Fayette County, Dr. Wilson not only endured the hardships of pioneer life, but it has also been his privilege to enjoy the fruits of his early toil. He is the sole survivor of the little band of physicians who were engaged in practice at Washington C. H., in June, 1841, when he cast in his lot with the pioneers of the place.

The childhood years of our subject were passed amid the scenes of Ross County, Ohio, where he was born March 19, 1811. His father, John Wilson, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and came to Ross County from his native State, Pennsylvania, at a very early day, taking up a tract of unimproved land. He married Miss Lucy Taylor, and unto them were born eleven children, our subject being the fifth in order of birth. Few events of importance occurred to break the monotony of our subject's youth, his time being diligently devoted to tilling the soil in the summer and attending school during the winter seasons. The "temples of learning" in those early days were primitive in construction, made of logs, with split rails for seats, and with greased paper instead of window lights. At a somewhat later date, a better house was erected, and gradually the opportunities afforded the children for acquiring an education were improved, both in regard to the furnishings of the building and the method of instruction.

Upon attaining to his majority, our subject commenced to read medicine with Dr. James Robbins, of Greenfield, Highland County, Ohio, who was a member of the board of examiners appointed by the State to examine for fitness to practice. After gaining a thorough practical knowledge of therapeutics, the young Doctor removed West as far as Dayton, then a town of four thousand inhabitants. He practiced his profession there in 1835 and 1836, in partnership with Henry Van Tuyl, a prominent physician. He next proceeded to Indiana, locating nineteen miles up the river from the old Tippecanoe battleground, where at the time there were plenty of Indians and wild animals. At that time, the Wabash Canal was being built, along which he had a large practice. He voted for William Henry Harrison for President in 1836, and again four years later, when he was the successful candidate.

Coming to Washington C. H. in the spring of 1841, Dr. Wilson purchased the property on the corner of Court and North Streets, which was then in the suburbs of the village, but is now in the center of the city. Here he has resided for fifty years and more, while those who were children when first he settled on the old homestead have grown to maturity, entered the world of active business, and some, grown old and weary with the cares of life, have sunk into the slumber of death. But all of them—youth, and middle-aged and old—have known Dr. Wilson and have been proud to regard him as their friend. To his patients, he was more than the kind, considerate, skillful physician—he was the unchanging friend.

For twenty years, Dr Wilson was an attendant at the County Infirmary. President Grant appointed him Examining Surgeon of Fayette County, and he served as President of the Board until the election of President Cleveland, when he resigned. He had established a splendid practice, which, to-

gether with his position at the Infirmary, he resigned when he accepted the position of Examining Surgeon. Some four years ago, he retired from active labors, and now is passing his declining years in quiet seclusion.

In 1838, Dr. Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda Mackerley, whom he had known in childhood, her father's farm adjoining that belonging to his father. At the time of his marriage, the Doctor rode on horseback two hundred and fifty miles to the bride's home, and, after the ceremony was performed, drove back to Washington C. H. with his young wife, the journey being made in a buggy which he had purchased. They have had two daughters: Mary L., the wife of Jared L. Millikan, who now resides with our subject, and Lucinda, who died when about twenty-one years old. Politically, the Doctor has always been an active Republican and is firm in his adherence to the principles of the party.

WILLIAM ATKINSON stands among the foremost of the progressive, enlightened and enterprising farmers and business men who have had the making of Madison County, and perhaps no man has done more for the development of its rich agricultural resources within the last three or four decades than he. His farm, which is four miles south of Plain City, in Canaan Township, is one of the largest and best-managed, and is considered one of the finest-improved, in this part of the State.

Our subject was born in Ross Township, Greene County, February 2, 1832. His father was Cephas Atkinson, who was born in York County, Pa., in 1790. He in turn was a son of Joseph Atkinson, who was of English descent, but is thought to have been a native of Pennsylvania. The mother of our subject, Abigail Oren, was likewise a Pennsylvanian by birth, and was of English extraction. She was reared partly in Tennessee and partly in Ohio, coming to this State when she had nearly attained womanhood. She was married to Cephas Atkinson in Clinton County, and they moved soon after to Clarke County, whence they returned to Greene County. From there they subsequently went to Champaign County, where the father died in 1860 and the mother in 1875, finding their last resting place in its soil. They were the parents of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, three of whom died in infancy, the others growing to maturity, and these four of them are still living: Jane; William; Margaret C., wife of James Hunt, of South Charleston, Clarke County; and Thomas S., a resident of Indianapolis, Ind. The father was a man of superior business qualifications, who invested his money judiciously, and acquired a goodly amount of property, including fifteen hundred and ten acres of land in Madison County, which he purchased from 1842 to 1852.

The subject of this biographical review is the ninth child and fifth son of his parents. He was eight years old when they removed to Champaign County, where the rest of his boyhood was spent, and he remained with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age. He obtained his education in the district schools, and on his father's farm was well trained in all that pertains to farming. In the opening years of a vigorous, stalwart manhood, he came to Madison County, in 1854, to enter upon the hard pioneer task that lay before him of literally hewing out a farm from the forests by the strength of his strong right arm, seconded by the force of a steady brain to plan his work wisely. His father had given him three hundred and seventy-seven acres of timber land and oak openings in Canaan Township, on which no improvements had been made. He went to work with a will, and in time had the forest cleared away, had dug ditches for drainage, and had placed his land under fine cultivation.

All this Mr. Atkinson accomplished without a cent of capital, but his labors resulted in his becoming wealthy, and he was enabled to buy more land, and now has one thousand and thirty-seven acres of the very best farming land, of which between four and five hundred acres are under a complete system of drainage, tiles and ditches running in every direction, making the rich soil more productive, and the farm one of the most perfectly drained

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in the county. He was the first to introduce tiling in this part of the county, having shipped tile on the cars before it had ever been manufactured in this section. He has spared neither money nor pains in making improvements and has a well-appointed set of buildings. Elsewhere in this volume will be noticed a view of his large and elegant two-story brick residence, which is situated a quarter of a mile from the Wilson Pike. It was erected in 1882 at a cost of $6,000, and contains thirteen spacious rooms and halls, finely finished and tastefully furnished. His barns are commodious and conveniently arranged, and he has other necessary buildings. He pays considerable attention to raising stock of high grades, and has one hundred cattle, having disposed of fifty last winter; six hundred and fifty sheep, and some hogs, having sold seventy-five of the latter last fall. He has had as many as fifteen hundred and fifty sheep at one time, and raises and keeps as many horses as he needs to work his extensive farm.

Mr. Atkinson was married May 29, 1866, to Lucinda, daughter of John and Mary (Rhulen) Nonnemaker, and widow of Robert F. Fleming. Mrs. Atkinson is a native of Ohio, born in Fairfield County November 2, 1839, and is of German extraction. She is a woman of noble character, who fills in every way her position as wife, mother and friend. She has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since the age of seventeen. To her and our subject have been born three children, to whom is being given the best of educational advantages the State affords. Their son, Charles Francis, born June 24, 1870, attended Wittenburg College, at Springfield, four years, and is now pursuing a course of study at the Nelson Business College in the same city. Cephas, who was born December 24, 1875, is preparing for college in a school at Plain City. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson's only daughter, Mary Eva, who was born June 17, 1867, attended Wittenburg College two years, was a student one year at Wooster and one year at Gambier, Ohio. She became an expert stenographer and type-writer, and commanded a salary of $100 a month prior to her marriage with Henry S. Francis, a prominent druggist of Uhrichville. Mrs. Francis belongs to the Episcopal Church, while her husband and brother Cephas are identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Atkinson is a man of large, roundabout common sense, positive character, more than average executive ability, and his standing in financial circles is of the highest. He is well known as President of the Farmers' Bank, of Plain City, which, under his administration, is one of the leading monetary institutions of Madison County. In politics, he is first, last and always a Republican, and uses his influence to further the interests of his party. Socially, he is identified with Urania Lodge No. 311, A. F. and A. M. He is public-spirited, and all enterprises looking to the advancement of his township or county are sure of his cordial approbation and material assistance.

JEREMIAH REA. The gentleman of whom it is our pleasure and privilege to here give a biographical sketch in outline has spent his life in doing good to others and upholding the rights of all. Few of the agriculturists of Oak Run Township, Madison County, are better known than is he, who is engaged in cultivating the soil and breeding fine stock. His beautiful home is pleasantly located seven miles from London and is supplied with all the comforts which are to be found upon a first-class estate.

Our subject, who was born in London October 19, 1824, is the son of Mathew and Ann (Amos) Rea. His father was also an agriculturist and stock-breeder and was born near Rockbridge, Va., in 1793. He participated in the War of 1812 under Gen. Harrison and did efficient and valiant service during those trying times. In 1818, the elder Mr. Rea located in Union Township, Fayette County, and worked on rented land for a time and later became one of the wealthy and prominent men of this section. The grandparents of our subject also came hither in the above-named date, but being poor people Mathew had to make his own way in the world without any monetary assistance, and at the time of his death, in company with his sons, was the possessor of two thousand acres of

land. In politics, he was a Whig until the dissolution of that party, when he became a Democrat. He is what may be termed a self-made man as his advantages for obtaining an education were very limited. He was elected County Commissioner of his township and in many ways represented his district in positions of trust.

Our subject was the eldest of the parental family of four children: Joseph, who was born April 10, 1829, died November 6, 1873; Robert, who was born in 1831, is a prominent stock-dealer in London, this State; Margaret Elizabeth married F. M. Chenoweth and makes her home in London. Jeremiah of this sketch was reared to farming pursuits, and after establishing himself in business on his own account, remained in partnership with his father until reaching his thirty-fifth year. He was married, August 22, 1850, to Miss Catherine, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Bostwick) Leach. Mrs. Rea was born in Fayette County, September 19, 1829, and shortly after her marriage removed to what is now the present home of our subject.

In his political relations, he of whom we write cast his first Presidential vote in 1848 for Zachary Taylor. In 1856, he joined the ranks of the Democrats and voted for James Buchanan. He has been Clerk and Treasurer of the township and has also served as School Director for over twenty years. He was at one time a candidate on the Independent ticket for County Commissioners, but as he refused to electioneer, was defeated. He at one time was the nominee for County Treasurer, his opponent being elected by a very small majority.

Mr. Rea received about six hundred acres of land on the division of his father's estate and has added to it from time to time until now he has a handsome property of fourteen hundred acres. By industry and energy, he has placed his farm under thorough tillage and put in many feet of tiling. The buildings are of the best description, and stamp their owner as a man of enterprise and progress.

The two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rea are Mathew, who lives on the old homestead and was born July 19, 1858, and Sarah Louisa, who was born August 1, 1863. The son, in addition to receiving a common-school education, attended the High School at London and is now one of the prominent farmers and stock-raisers of this section. He was married, December 13, 1882, to Miss Grace Dodds, of Mason, Warren County, this State, where she was born January 9, 1862. She is a most intelligent and cultured lady and is the daughter of E. C. and Lavina F. (Keever) Dodds. She has become the mother of two children: Earl D., who was born January 15, 1886, and Robert C., who was born July 24, 1889, and resides with her husband on a portion of the old home farm. Mathew L. is also a Democrat in politics, and in 1880 voted for Hancock. He has been very prominent in local affairs and when only twenty-two years of age was elected to the responsible position of Trustee, which office he held two terms, and was made Treasurer of his township in 1891. His interest in school affairs led him to be placed on the School Board as Director in 1890 and in the fall of the following year he was elected County Commissioner. His popularity is shown in the fact that his opponent was one of the representative men of the county and the opposing party had a majority of three hundred and fifty. He received every vote in his township with the exception of nineteen and carried the Fourth Ward in London, which had always been given to the opposing party. The daughter of our subject married Isaac F. Beery, a banker of Upper Sandusky, this State, and is the mother of three children, viz: Isaac R., Mathew L. and Brooks F.

JOHN PERRILL. The finely-improved farm belonging to Mr. Perrill is conveniently and pleasantly located in Jasper Township, Fayette County, and consists of five hundred and thirty-seven acres, upon which first-class improvements have been placed. While he devotes considerable attention to general farming, he makes a specialty of raising cattle and hogs, in which he has been more than ordinarily successful. His residence is one of the most attractive in the township, while the other buildings are substantial and well adapted to their various uses.

During the early years of the settlement of Ohio, Hugh Perrill, father of our subject, came hither with his parents and located eight miles east of Lancaster. His birthplace was in Virginia, although the most of his active life was passed in the Buckeye State. He was married to Miss Margaret Caldwell, of Ohio, and shortly afterward removed to Highland County, which remained his home until the death of his wife. He then removed to Kentucky and resided near Greensburgh until his death, which occurred several years since. It is thought that he met with foul play, as he had started on a visit to his children in Ohio with considerable money in his possession, and when his body was found in Tiger Creek, there was no money whatever upon it.

John Perrill was born in Highland County, Ohio, June 17, 1823, and until he was twenty-two, resided in the place of his birth. During the following eight years, he was a resident of Pike County, where he was employed in farming pursuits and also drove cattle across the mountains. He was thirty years old when he came to Fayette County and settled upon the farm where he still resides. Shortly after coming to this county, he was married to Miss Margaret J., daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Hall) Sparks, natives of Bourbon County, Ky. Mrs. Perrill was born in the Blue Grass State November 9, 1837, and died October 7, 1890, mourned not only by her immediate family, but by all who knew her and who esteemed her for the noble traits of character and sincere Christian earnestness which characterized her life.

Mr. and Mrs. Perrill became the parents of nine children, as follows: George N., who married Elizabeth Vaneman; Iva, who married John Acton; Louis, who married Mamie Gray; Edward, who married Sally Jarrill; Rebecca, who married James Curtis; Charles, Laura, Maggie and Frank. All of the children are living. Mr. Perrill has been a kind and generous father, and has provided well for his children, having presented them with land and given them a good start in the world. He has secured his large property by diligence and economy, seconded by wise judgment and excellent investments. In the political issues of the day, he maintains a deep interest, and is an ardent adherent of Republican principles. In his religious sympathies, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a liberal supporter of Christian enterprises.

WILLIAM D. WOOD, a retired farmer of Mt. Sterling, and an honored veteran of the late war, was born in Union Township, Fayette County, Ohio, on the 27th of February, 1841. His parents were Daniel and Tabitha (Leach) Wood. He was reared to manhood upon his father's farm and acquired his education in the common schools, which he attended during the winter season, while in the summer months he worked in the fields. He remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, when he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting in Company A, Fifty-fourth Ohio Infantry. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Tennessee, and he participated in the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, the siege of Vicksburg, Jackson, Mission Ridge, and the Atlanta campaign. Previous to this, he had re-enlisted as a veteran, his three-years term of service having expired. While his regiment was engaged in the Atlanta campaign, Mr. Wood served on detached duty, guarding railroad bridges. He rejoined his regiment in Goldsboro, N. C., and participated in the Grand Review in Washington, D. C., the most brilliant military pageant ever seen in this country. He then went to Louisville, Ky., and on to Little Rock, Ark., where he was mustered out in August, 1865.

When the war was over, Mr. Wood returned to his home, and on the 27th of February, 1866, was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Parker. He began farming on a part of his father's farm, and afterward his father gave him seventy acres or more of land. In 1871, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 12th of July. He was again married, May 2, 1872, his second union being with Miss Rebecca Swope, of Fairfield County. Two children grace their union: Albert Thomas, who was born in Madison Town-

ship, Fayette County, Ohio, March 23, 1874, is now attending the High School of Mt. Sterling; and Arley Ray was born in Madison Township on the 13th of November, 1878.

Upon the death of his father, Mr. Wood inherited more land, and now has four hundred and forty-eight acres in Madison Township, beside twelve acres which he purchased in Mt. Sterling. He is industrious and enterprising and made of his business life a success, so that he is now enabled to lay aside business cares, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. Mr. Wood is a man highly respected throughout the community, and is recognized as a valued citizen of Mt. Sterling, where he has made his home since 1884. He is a member of the Old-school Baptist Church, and in politics is a Republican, having been a stanch advocate of that party and its principles since he cast his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln. He was a faithful soldier during the late war, and may well be proud of the part which he bore in preserving the Union.

SOLOMON D. RIEGEL is one of the extensive land-owners and prominent agriculturists and stock-raisers of Pickaway County. He now makes his home in Circleville, and devotes his attention to the care of his property. The Riegel family has long been identified with the public interests of the community, its upbuilding and progress. The father of our subject, Solomon Riegel, Sr., was born in Berks County, Pa., April 10, 1811, and is a son of George and Eliza Riegel. He came to Salt Creek, Ohio, in 1832, having heard favorable reports of the country from his brother Jesse, and others. He was married October 31, 1834, to Mary Dunkle, who was born in Ross County, Ohio, March 31, 1803. Soon afterward, they removed to Fairfield County, where they spent two and a half years, and then went to Hocking County, where Mr. Riegel worked for his brother-in-law, George Dunkle. Soon afterward, his father gave him a farm of one hundred acres in Fairfield County, and, locating thereon, he laid the foundation for his splendid success. Prosperity attended his efforts, and ten years later he bought a sawmill, a woolen factory, and about two hundred and fifty acres of land, and engaged in business on an extensive scale. At Laurelville, he erected a hotel and other buildings, and contributed largely to the improvement of that place. He has done much in the line of building, and by a member of the family it was estimated that he has erected within a few miles of the boundary lines of Pickaway, Hocking and Ross Counties, nineteen dwellings and barns, mills and other buildings, making a total of over one hundred. In this work, he has usually been his own contractor, designer and superintendent, getting the timber from the woods, the stone from the quarry, and manufacturing his own lumber. Throughout his life he has followed farming and stock-raising extensively. It has been through his efforts that some of the best turnpikes of Pickaway County have been built. He has ever been a public-spirited and progressive citizen, and what he has done for the county cannot be estimated in words. Mr. Riegel is now in his eighty-second year, but still operates a mill in Salt Creek Township, and is enjoying excellent health for one of his age. By appointment, he served as a Director of the Infirmary. In politics, he is a Democrat, and is a member of the Reformed Church.

In the Riegel family were eight children: George D., who was a merchant in Laurelville, Ohio, and afterward in Brooklyn, N. Y., is now deceased; Harvey D. resides in Montana; Jane is the wife of A. Defenbough, of Salt Creek Township, Ohio; Samuel D.; Sarah Ann D. is the wife of W. C. Markle, of Salt Creek Township; Mary Elizabeth D. is the wife of George H. Lutz, of Circleville; the subject of this sketch is the next younger; and Emma C. D. is now Mrs. Rush, of Salt Creek Township.

Sol D. Riegel, as he is familiarly known, was born near Ringgold, Fairfield County, Ohio, in 1848. When about eighteen months old, he went with his parents to Hocking County, and remained in Laurelville until thirteen years of age, when he became a resident of Salt Creek Township. His education was acquired in the common schools.

At an early age he was inured to hard labor, and on attaining his majority he started out in life for himself. He engaged in farming and stock-raising, purchasing one hundred acres of land in Salt Creek Township. He afterward bought a partially improved farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres in Pickaway Township, this county, operating both by tenants. In purchasing these, he contracted an indebtedness of $13,000, but he never missed making a payment upon them, and in course of time had them free from all encumbrance. Mr. Riegel has dealt extensively in live stock. He has fed from seven to eight hundred hogs each year, and in this way paid off his debt. He subsequently bought eighty-eight acres of land adjoining his home farm. This made it a one hundred and eighty-eight acre tract, upon which he resided, giving his personal supervision to its improvements. He afterwards bought ninety-seven acres in Ross County, which he has rented. He has sold his original one hundred acres of land, but still has eighty-eight acres in Salt Creek Township, a fine stock farm, and another farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres. He still feeds stock, grazing over one hundred cattle, beside feeding a large number of hogs. He was the first in this section of the county to purchase full-blooded Jerseys, which he still raises. He has also raised some fine horses and sheep, and has taken many premiums at different fairs. His home farm is considered the finest in the township.

In Ross County, Ohio, in October, 1873, Mr. Riegel led to the marriage altar Miss Mary A. Rush, a native of that county, and a daughter of John and Melinda Rush, of Ross County, prominent farming people. Four children have been born of their union: Bertha May, Grace Rush, Harry Rush, and Bessie Rush. They have a pleasant and commodious residence on East Main Street, and the members of the family rank high in social circles.

Mr. Riegel has been prominently identified with the leading interests of the county. He was one of the organizers of the Southeastern Ohio Fair Association, of which he was Treasurer until it was discontinued. He is Treasurer of the Circleville Land Improvement Company, is one of the Directors of the Board of Trade, of Circleville, and is the owner of considerable real estate in Wichita, Kan. Like his honored father, he has done much for the turnpike roads of the county. He was President of the Circleville and Adelphi Turnpike, when it was bought by the county, is still Secretary of the Salt Creek Valley Turnpike, and owns an interest in, and is Director of, the turnpike in Hocking County, Ohio.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Riegel is a Democrat, and has served as a delegate to both the county and State conventions. He belongs to the Reformed Church in Salt Creek Township, in which he was Trustee for many years, and has also served as both Deacon and Elder. He has been active in both church and Sunday-school work, and has contributed liberally to the cause. Mr. Riegel is a man of most excellent business ability, and well deserves the success that has crowned his efforts. He is a progressive citizen, and ever has the interests of the community at heart.

ABRAHAM WEAVER. This prominent and influential resident of the farming community of Washington Township, Pickaway County, is a native of that place, his birth occurring September 7, 1835. He is the son of Jacob Weaver, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1797. The latter emigrated to Ohio when a young man, and, locating in Fairfield County, there worked at his trade as a shoemaker.

The elder Mr. Weaver was married in Fairfield County to the mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Bimheimer, and was a native of that place. Her parents emigrated from Germany, and, locating in Ohio, were among the early settlers of Fairfield County.

Mr. Bimheimer entered a large tract of land from the Government, and at his death was very wealthy, dividing his estate among his large family of children, giving to each one hundred and sixty acres. After his marriage, Mr. Jacob Weaver came to Pickaway County, and purchased forty

acres of land in Washington Township. This he cleared and improved and in a short time added another forty to his possessions. He later added at one time eighty acres, at another one hundred and sixty and at another one hundred and sixty more. Subsequently adding another quarter-section to his already magnificent estate, he became the owner of a square section of land. He later purchased one hundred and forty acres in Pickaway Township, and at the time of his decease was one of the largest, if not the largest, land-holder in the county, owning one thousand acres of valuable land, and had placed to his credit in the bank $10,000. He was a man whose influence was greatly felt in the community, and one who counted his friends as numerous as his acquaintances. His accumulations were entirely the result of his own industry and perseverance, as he started out in life without a cent. He obtained the money to pay for his first forty acres by making shoes. He often hauled his wheat to market at Zanesville, receiving for the same an equivalent of thirty cents per bushel, the pay being given in salt. His corn marketed at ten cents per bushel.

In the early days, the father of our subject, in company with several of his neighbors, built a flatboat, which they loaded with flour, and drifted down the Scipio Creek to the Scioto River, and thence down the Mississippi River to New Orleans, where they found a ready market for their product. The men would then walk home, keeping along the banks of the rivers. Mr. Weaver served as a soldier in the War of 1812, and was highly esteemed by everyone who had the honor of his acquaintance. He was very prominent in all local affairs, and held many of the township offices. In religious matters, he was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, in the faith of which body he died, April 14, 1869, greatly mourned by the entire community. He was a law-abiding citizen, bearing the good-will of all his neighbors. Mrs. Jacob Weaver passed from this life November 17, 1890, when nearly eighty-seven years of age. She drew a pension from the Government from the time of her husband's death until her decease.

Abraham Weaver was the third child in order of birth of his parent's family of eight children, six of whom are living. He was born and reared within sight of his present beautiful home, and was given a good education in the district schools of his neighborhood. He remained at home, assisting his father in the cultivation of his vast acres, until reaching his thirty-second year. Our subject was married in 1864 to Miss Mary A. Moore, who was born and reared in Washington Township, Pickaway County. Mrs. Weaver was the daughter of Caleb and Mariah Moore, the father born in this county, where he followed the trade of a blacksmith. He later, however, purchased a farm and followed the pursuits of an agriculturist, in which occupation he was very successful. He afterward removed to Fairfield County, where he purchased a farm in Madison Township, upon which he resided until his death in 1884.

After his marriage, the original of this sketch removed to Fairfield County in company with his father-in-law, and made that place his home for the succeeding two years. In 1867, he returned to this county, and, locating in Pickaway Township, was engaged in cultivating the soil for seven years. He later rented that property and purchased a home in Washington Township, Pickaway County, removing hither on account of the superior schools in this locality.

For nine years, Mr. Weaver of this sketch operated a steam sawmill, which he found to be a very profitable business. He now gives the greater portion of his time to cultivating his splendid estate. To Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have been born seven children: Katie, who is the wife of Winter Shelby, resides in Piatt County, Ill.; Susan, who is at home; Caleb, deceased; Maria, the wife of Wilison Betz, a farmer in Washington Township; Cliff, Eugenia, and Earl W. are at home. They have all been given excellent educations, and Katie and Susan taught school for a number of years.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Weaver inclines toward Democratic principles. He has held the office of Justice of the Peace for over fifteen years, and his interest in educational matters caused him to be placed on the Board, where he did very effective work. In 1862, our subject was commis-

sioned Captain of Company H by Gov. Todd, and drilling a company of State militia, was stationed at Camp Green. He was later called out and engaged in the Morgan raid. Previous to that time, however, he had belonged to a company of militia for five years, and was thus thoroughly acquainted with military tactics.

Mr. Weaver holds the entire confidence of the people of his community, and has acted in the capacity of guardian, administrator, commissioner of estates and assignee on various occasions. His advice on legal matters is much sought after by his neighbors, who place high value upon his wise and judicious decisions. He has presided over many law suits, and always advises settlement when it is possible. He has also performed numerous marriage ceremonies, and is favorably and widely known throughout the county. His landed estate comprises one hundred and sixty acres on Scipio Creek, Pickaway County, all of which is under the most thorough cultivation.

SAMUEL M. WALLACE, who owns a highly productive and well-equipped farm in Pickaway Township, is an example of the younger generation of farmers who are such important agents in sustaining and advancing the great agricultural interests of Pickaway County. Our subject was born in Chillicothe, Ross County, April 10, 1867, and is a son of Samuel Logan Wallace, who was born in Green Township, that county, in 1825. His parents were among the early settlers of that place, and he was reared in a pioneer home. He lived on a farm until he attained his majority.

Our subject was a bright scholar, and being very ambitious to obtain an education, he taught school a few years to earn the means to take him to college, from which he was subsequently graduated with a high standing for learning. He was of a legal turn of mind, and after pursuing his professional studies, he began to practice at Chillicothe. He was first associated with Judge Alfred S. Yaple, and subsequently with Judge Minshall, both of whom are now Supreme Judges of the State. He rose to a high position in his profession, and is said to have been one of the ablest lawyers that ever practiced in the courts of Ross County. His fame won him a large clientage, and he was very popular, his fellow-citizens often tendering him offices of honor, which he steadily refused, partly on account of his business cares and because he was wrapped up in his beloved profession. He was, however, a man of true public spirit, and his death, February 19, 1876, at the age of fifty-two years, was considered a serious loss to his county.

The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Mary A. Moore, is a native of Chillicothe, which city is still her home. She is a daughter of Dr. James J. Moore, a former celebrated physician of that city, a pioneer of his profession in Ross County. He was a Virginian by birth, and he came from the old Dominion to Ohio at an early day in its settlement. He at first established himself at Londonderry, but he subsequently removed to Chillicothe, where he practiced a great many years. He died in 1872, and left behind him many warm friends and a life record as a good citizen and an able physician. Mrs. Wallace is a lady of refined character, whose many pleasant attributes have won her a high place in the estimation of all who come under her influence. Beside other valuable property, she owns a farm of one hundred and sixteen acres adjoining her son's in Pickaway Township, which is known as the old Maj. John Bogg's Homestead, and on that land stands the famous Logan Elm, the tree named for the noted Mingo chief, Logan, who made his immortal speech under its spreading boughs when concluding a treaty of peace with Gov. Dunmore, of Virginia, in 1774, whereby the Territory of the Northwest was thrown open to white settlers.

Samuel M. Wallace is the only survivor of the three children born to his parents. He was well educated in the graded schools of his native city, and had a solid foundation for any calling that he might choose to follow. He had a decided taste for agricultural pursuits, and in September of the year that he attained his majority (1888), he purchased a farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres of fine land in Pickaway Township, and has spent

his time since then mostly on his farm, which he is managing with a good degree of success, employing none but the methods most adapted to the soil in cultivating his land, and continually making judicious improvements, which add to the value of the place. He has already won a high reputation for skill, prudence and practical ability in handling his affairs, and bids fair to become one of the leading farmers of the county. He stands well in social circles, having a good address and pleasant personal qualities, and among politicians he is known as a promising young Democrat, who will be an influence in his party at no distant date.

Mrs. Moore, the grandmother of Samuel Wallace, is a gentle old lady of seventy-six years, with a philosophic turn of mind, which is a great advantage to her as she has been an invalid for years.

MARTIN V. HIGH. Ohio was well represented at the front by her native-born sons during the late war, many of whom bravely sacrificed the opening years of their manhood in valiantly fighting for their country. Of this number is our subject, who gained military honors as an officer of one of the regiments of his State. He has since done as good service in the interests of agriculture, and is successfully managing his farm, which is six miles south of Plain City.

Mr. High was born in the city of Columbus, Franklin County, April 12, 1837, and is a son of Hosea High, who was born near Camden, N. J., in 1802, and there grew to a stalwart manhood. In 1823, he set out on foot for the "Wild West," and in due time arrived at Columbus, which was then a mere hamlet. He there met the young lady whom he afterward married, Mary A. McComick, who, it is supposed, was born in that city, of which her father, Frank McComick, a Virginian, was a very early settler. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and he was present at St. Clair's defeat. The father of our subject established himself as a shoemaker in Columbus, and there he lived until he removed with his family, in 1840, to a farm seven miles distant. In 1853, he went from there to a farm in Big Darby, in the same county, and there his long life was rounded out by his death, when he was seventy-eight years old. The mother then returned to Columbus, where she is quietly spending her old age, she having passed the eighty-ninth milestone in life's journey last November. She is the mother of eleven children, all but one of whom grew to maturity, and seven are now living, all in Ohio.

Our subject is the seventh child and fourth son of the family. He became thoroughly grounded in all that pertains to agriculture, assisting his father on his farm until he was twenty-three years old. The great Civil War then broke out, and he entered the ranks of the brave boys in blue, who went to the front to defend the Stars and Stripes, enlisting in Company K, First Ohio Cavalry. He went into the army as a private, but he soon showed of what metal he was made, and for meritorious conduct was promoted to the office of Second Lieutenant, and afterward his gallant conduct won him the commission of First Lieutenant. He fought well at the battle of Pittsburgh Landing, but on account of disability came home on a furlough after that. He took part in the battles of Stone River and Perrysville, faced the enemy in the disastrous engagement at Chickamauga, helped to carry the day for the Union forces at Mission Ridge, and did good service in the various battles that took place on the Atlanta campaign. There his term of enlistment expired and he was discharged after three long and trying years of service in camp and on the field.

Upon leaving the army, our subject returned to his father and remained with him, farming the old homestead until his marriage, which took place November 4, 1869, when he was wedded to Miss Angeline, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Alder, who were natives respectively of Madison County and of Pennsylvania, both coming of the old pioneer stock of this State. Mrs. High was born in Canaan Township, August 29, 1847, and was reared to womanhood in this township. After his marriage, Mr. High located on a rented farm, which he gave up a year and a half later for one of his

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own. Mrs. High was born in Canaan Township August 29, 1847, and was there reared to womanhood. Her marriage to our subject has been blessed to them by the birth of four daughters and three sons, named respectively, Delia, Lizzie, Laura, Etta, Walter, Hosea and Harry, all of whom are still members of the family circle except Lizzie, who is deceased, and all were born on the farm that has always been their home.

After marriage, Mr. High first located on a rented farm, which he gave up a year and a half later for one of his own, also situated in Canaan Township, which is still in his possession. It comprises one hundred and forty-seven acres of land that is exceedingly fertile, is well tilled, and is provided with modern improvements. It is admirably adapted to general farming purposes, and its fields yield abundant harvests, while its rich pastures afford good feed for the stock that is here raised. Mr. High is unswerving in his loyalty to the Democratic party. Religiously, he is a member in high standing of the Universalist Church, the society to which he belongs worshipping in Alder Chapel, in Jefferson Township. He is prominent socially as a member of the Andrew Burrus Post, G. A. R. and of West Jefferson Lodge No. 221, A. F. and A. M.

JAMES L. ZIMMERMAN, LL. B., attorney-at-law in Washington C. H., has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession since the fall of 1884, and has his office in a pleasant suite of rooms in the Yeoman Block. We invite the reader's attention to his portrait and the following sketch of his life. He is a native of Fayette County and was born February 7, 1860, on the farm which is still the home of his parents. His education was commenced in the district and public schools of Washington C. H., and completed in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware.

The legal profession proved so fascinating to the peculiar ability and mental acquirements of Mr. Zimmerman that he resolved to commence its study. Accordingly, he entered the law school at Cincinnati and was graduated in 1884, after which he at once established an office in Washington C. H., forming a partnership with J. B. Priddy. A branch office was opened at Mt. Sterling, Ohio, of which our subject afterward assumed entire charge. On the removal of Mr. Priddy to the West in the spring of 1886, the connection was dissolved, since which time Mr. Zimmerman has conducted his practice alone.

Although the law is his chosen profession and he considers faithful attention to his practice his first duty, Mr. Zimmerman, nevertheless, finds time for other interests, both of a public and private nature. He superintends the management of the farm which he owns in Fayette County and derives a good income from its rental. He is Secretary of the Cincinnati Southern Loan Company and holds other positions of trust and honor. His library is one of the finest in the county and contains a large number of rare and valuable books of a general, as well as legal, character, and he has also the finest collection of art works in the county.

A biography of Mr. Zimmerman would be of little value to him did it not contain extended mention of his father, who has been one of the most enterprising citizens of Fayette County since he settled here in his early manhood. Obediah Zimmerman was born on Twin Creek, in Ross County, Ohio, October 14, 1811, and was the son of Andrew and Ruth (Taylor) Zimmerman, natives of Maryland. He received his education in the subscription schools of that early day and remained with his father, aiding in the work of developing the farm, until his marriage to Miss Nancy Simmons. He then purchased a tract of land in the southern part of Fayette County, near New Martinsburgh, and remained there until 1857, when he moved to Union Township, this county, his present home, and began the task of clearing and cultivating the soil.

After the death of his first wife, Obediah Zimmerman was married, May 14, 1850, to Elizabeth Jane, daughter of Isaac House. Her grandmother was an aunt of President James K. Polk. Six children were born of that union: Margaret Caroline, born March 18, 1851, became the wife of Al-

bert P. Kilgore, of Fayette County, November 18, 1875; John Jefferson, who was born February 23, 1853, married Emma Fisher, February 21, 1882, and resides in Fayette County; Isaac Newton, whose birth occurred June 10, 1855, is a farmer in this county; Amanda Ann, born April 2, 1857, became the wife of Ashley Wood, March 11, 1875; our subject was the next in order of birth; Clara E., born May 22, 1862, was married February 21, 1882, to the Rev. Joseph Griffeth, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The father lived on the old farm until after the birth of three children, when he located at his present home, and here he and his faithful wife have lived and labored for thirty-five years. They are sincere members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Elizabeth Zimmerman was born November 24, 1825, and was reared to womanhood in the pioneer home which her father established in Fayette County in March, 1807. She is a devoted wife and mother, and ever uppermost in her thoughts are the interests of her husband and children.

The maternal grandfather of our subject, Isaac House, was born November 3, 1847, and died January 21, 1850. He removed from Shenandoah County, Va., to Ohio in 1807, and took up a tract of land, now a part of the Zimmerman homestead, when it was an entire wilderness, with the nearest neighbors three miles distant. His marriage united him with Mary Ann Winegardner and took place in Fairfield County in March, 1823. Mrs. House was born in Pendleton County, Va., February 2, 1790, and died September 29, 1831.

Four children were born of their union, namely: Elizabeth Jane, of whom mention has already been made; Charity Ann, born March 1, 1827, is the wife of C. C. Plyley; Caroline, born September 14, 1828, is the wife of James G. Beatty, of Seldon; John, born April 25, 1831, died January 1, 1866. The last-named at his death left a widow and four children, as follows: L. F. House, M. D., of Adams County; Clara E. Seaburn, who resides in Fayette County; Allie E., Mrs. Langdon, and Ulysses S., who reads law in the office of our subject and passed his examination for admission to the Bar at Columbus, in October, 1891.

There was an agreement in the Winegardner family that those who married were to have no share in the family estate, while those who remained single were to have the whole of the fortune. The last unmarried member of the family died recently, leaving an estate valued at more than $500,000, which reverted to the heirs of the family. They are known as one of the wealthiest and most widely-known families of Fairfield County, and for generations have been identified with its growth.

DR. RALPH MORDEN. Few, perhaps none, save those who have trod the arduous paths of the profession, can picture to themselves the array of attributes, physical, mental and moral, and the host of minor graces of manner and person, essential to the making of a truly successful physician. His constitution must needs be of the hardiest to withstand the constant shock of wind and weather, the wearing loss of sleep and rest, the ever-gathering load of care, the insidious approach of every form of fell disease to which his daily round of duties momently exposes him. Such a physician we find in the person of Dr. Ralph Morden, who is one of the oldest homeopathists in Circleville.

The Doctor is a native of London, Ontario, born August 8, 1852, the son of Andrew B. Morden, and the grandson of the Rev. Ralph Morden. The great-great-grandfather, Ralph Morden, was born in Yorkshire, England, and was a Quaker in his religious views. He came to America about 1742, and settled in New Jersey or Delaware, where he followed agricultural pursuits. During the Revolutionary War, he would not fight, and was prosecuted. The family then moved to Canada, his son John, the grandfather of our subject, being then sixteen years of age. They located on the present site of Dundas, and received a grant of one thousand acres of land. Here John grew to manhood, married, and his son Ralph, grandfather of our subject, was the first white child born in Dundas. The latter had seven

brothers and two sisters and each drew two hundred acres of land in London Township, Middlesex County. This land was then a wilderness, and they began at once to clear it and make improvements. Near this is now a city of thirty-five thousand inhabitants. This made the Mordens nearly all farmers.

Ralph Morden became a Methodist minister and an earnest worker in that church. He was prominent in his calling and was also a great temperance worker, being an officer in the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars. He lived to the age of seventy-eight years. The father of our subject grew to manhood in Canada, but later sold his share of the old site and located in Ridgetown, Ontario, where he lives at the present time. Although sixty-eight years of age, time has dealt leniently with him, and he is strong and active. The Morden family is a prominent one in Canada, and Mr. Morden is an active member of the Methodist Church, in which he has been Class-leader for years. He married Miss Elizabeth Brown, a native of Halifax, daughter of William Brown, who was of English-Scotch descent. Grandfather Brown was a ship-builder, which occupation he followed in his native country, England, until his removal to Canada. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Morden, five sons and six daughters, all of whom are living.

Our subject was the eldest of this family, and he was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. When sixteen years of age, he entered the university at Belleville, Ontario, remained there for some time, and then entered the seminary at Komoka, where he remained for eight months. At the age of eighteen, he engaged in teaching school, and, as he had from the early age of ten years cherished a desire to study medicine, he entered upon a course of study with Dr. R. J. P. Morden, of London, in 1871, when little past the age of nineteen years. In the fall of 1873, he entered the Homeopathy Medical College, at New York, and was graduated from that institution in 1875, with the degree of M. D. He afterward located at Exeter, practiced there for one year, and then, on account of ill-health, having recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever, he located, in the spring of 1877, in Grove Port, Franklin County, Ohio, where he practiced for about seven years. He was the first homeopathic physician in that town. He was married there, in 1879, to Miss. Lenora C. Stine, a native of this town.

On the 1st of November, 1883, Dr. and Mrs. Morden located in Circleville, Ohio, and the former bought out Dr. J. C. King and continued the practice. He is the leading homeopathic physician in the city, and his ability as a physician and surgeon is well known. He is located on Court Street, opposite the Opera House. He is a member of the Independent Order of Good Templars in this place, having joined in 1887, and is a very prominent temperance man. The Doctor is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. He has been President of the Central Committee of Pickaway County, and served as Secretary for two years. In 1889, he was nominated for Representative and ran far ahead of his ticket. He has been a delegate to the State Convention, and is a member of the Homeopathic Medical Society of the State. His marriage resulted in the birth of six children: Elizabeth, Fannie, Mary L., Jennie, Ralph (the sixth) and Martha E.

JOSEPH H. JOHNSON. Among the prominent residents of Madison County, we take pleasure in giving in outline the record of the life of Mr. Johnson, who, although receiving only a common-school education, has by his natural mental ability advanced in whatever field he has entered. He now resides on a beautiful estate in Jefferson Township, which is supplied with excellent buildings and everything necessary for the successful prosecution of his life calling.

Before mentioning in detail the events which have characterized and individualized the life of our subject, it may be well to present a brief record of his ancestry. His great-grandfather, on his father's side, was born in Ireland about 1744, and

emigrated to the United States about 1800, settling in Ohio, five miles northwest of where West Jefferson now stands. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a worthy and hard-working pioneer. His eight children were: John, Margaret, Sarah, Jacob, Katie, Henry, Michael and Polly. The fourth child, Jacob, was the grandfather of our subject, and was born in 1782 and died in 1838. He and his first wife, whose maiden name was Jemima Carria, were the parents of six children, namely: Abram, Cynthia, Abner, Rhoda, Polly and Lewis. After the death of this lady, Jacob Johnson married Phebe Carria, and their children were six in number: Luther, Henry, Catherine, Samuel, Sallie and Lyda.

The maternal great-grandparents of our subject came from England to the United States, and, on account of a storm, were six months in crossing the ocean. They settled in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio, where they were prominently identified with the best interests of the community, he serving as Clerk of the Court for several years. They reared a family of four children: Edward, Joseph, John and Parker. Joseph Gardner, the second child, was born in Chillicothe in 1813, and lived to be fifty-six years old. After being united in marriage with Jane Thomson, he came to Madison County, and settled five miles south of London. Ten children were born of this marriage: Eliza (mother of our subject), Parker, Thomas, Joseph, John, Edward, Charles, Margaret, William and Clara.

Lewis Johnson, father of our subject, was the sixth child born of his father's first marriage, his birth occurring in Jefferson Township, April 29, 1820. On reaching mature years, he was married to Eliza Gardner, who was born January 15, 1829. When eleven years of age, she had accompanied her parents on their removal to Madison County, where her death occurred February 16, 1884. The parental family included six children, our subject, who was born January 22, 1854, being the third in order of birth. He received his education in the common schools, and was trained to farming pursuits, which occupation he has always followed.

At Georgesville, Franklin County, this State, March 20, 1878, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Mary, daughter of the late Samuel Biggert. She was born in Franklin County September 29, 1852, received a good education, and prior to her marriage taught eight terms of school. By her union with our subject, she became the mother of two children, Samuel L. and Carrie A., and departed this life June 28, 1888. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which she served as Steward for ten years.

John Biggert, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Johnson, was born in Ireland in 1758, and about 1800 emigrated to this country, being three months in crossing the ocean on a sailing-vessel. In Pennsylvania, he married Margaret Gibson, who was born in 1782, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: William, Mary, John, Samuel, Rachel, Charlotte, Joshua, Tilla and Margaret. Of these, Margaret alone survives. The parents of this family were strict Presbyterians in their religious faith, and both lived to advanced years, the father dying when ninety, and the mother when eighty years of age. Samuel, the fourth child, was born September 22, 1809, at the old Biggert homestead, three miles south of Georgesville, Ohio, on the banks of Darby Creek, which was also the birthplace of the other children. At the age of twenty-five years, he married Mary R. Roberts, and of this union were born twelve children, as follows: Martha, Matilda M., Susan E., Thomas E., Samuel, Margaret, John R., Sebastian, Mary S., William, Lottie and Frank.

The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Georgesville, and the father followed the occupation of a farmer. He died at the age of seventy-nine years, while the mother still survives.

The maternal great-grandparents of Mrs. Johnson emigrated from Ireland, settling in Virginia. Their six children were: Thomas, John, George, William, James and Elizabeth. Thomas was born in the year 1774, and in early manhood married Susan Poisel, they becoming parents of eleven children: John, Margaret, James, Elizabeth, Sebastial, Nancy, Boston, George, Elias, Mary R. and Edward R. Thomas Roberts came to Ohio in 1802, and spent most of his life at Georgesville, which

town was laid out by him in 1812. He was an extensive cattle merchant, and was accustomed to drive his cattle to market over the mountains on horseback. The tenth child in his family was Mary R., who was born in 1816.

The subject of this sketch has followed farming as his life occupation, and has spent the most of his married life on the farm where he now resides. His estate of two hundred and fifty acres is under excellent cultivation, and by being properly managed, yields a handsome income. In addition to raising cereals, Mr. Johnson devotes considerable attention to breeding stock, and makes a specialty of hogs. In politics, he votes the straight Republican ticket, and in social matters is a member of West Jefferson Lodge No. 41, I. O. O. F. Being strictly upright in all his dealings, his credit is good wherever he is known, and he is esteemed as one of the most devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JUDGE OLIVER P. CRABB, Probate Judge of Madison County, is a man of high personal standing, and enjoys a distinguished reputation throughout this part of the State for his well-known probity and professional honor, and is a public-spirited, progressive, loyal citizen, who has the dearest interests of his community at heart. He was born in this county June 26, 1826, and is a most worthy representative of the sons of whom she may well be proud. His parents were Henderson and Jemima (Downing) Crabb, who were natives respectively of Maryland and Virginia, but were married in Ross County, this State. The father was engaged in the mercantile business, and was also a preacher of some local note in the Methodist Episcopal Church a number of years, and was very influential in its upbuilding. He lived retired for several years before his death, which occurred in the town of Jefferson. His wife died some years later in London, at the home of the Judge, our subject. He mingled somewhat in the political and public life of this community, espousing the cause of the Whig party, and he was at one time an incumbent of the office of Justice of the Peace. His father, Thomas Crabb, was a native of England, who came to this country some time during the last century, and settled at Hagerstown, Md., having a family of four children. Thirteen children were born to the parents of our subject, of whom five are living, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth Hayden, of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Col. Benjamin F. Crabb, of York, Neb.; our subject; Mathias, of Chicago; and Alpheus, of Columbus.

Judge Crabb was educated in the schools of Jefferson, and remained at home on the farm until he was fifteen years old. At that youthful age, he began to clerk in his father's store, and continued thus engaged for his father and others, and in selling goods on his own account, until 1854. In that year, he was appointed Recorder of Madison County, and six months later abandoned that post to accept the office of Deputy Auditor, which position he retained two and a half years, and was then promoted to the head of the department by his election to be Auditor of the county, in which capacity he acted three terms of two years each. Resuming the mercantile business when he retired from public life, the Judge was engaged in the grocery trade at London until 1868. Selling out his store and stock, he acted as Justice three years, and was also interested in the insurance business, which he carried on until 1876. In 1875, he was returned to public life as Probate Judge of Madison County, and he is still on the bench of the Probate Court. His whole course during these years, sixteen in number, that he has been an incumbent of this onerous office has proved the wisdom of his elevation to it, and all are agreed, irrespective of party, that no better man could have been selected for the place, which calls not only for a thorough familiarity with the common laws, but for intelligence in applying them to individual cases, for firmness in administering them, and for tact, self-control and ready wit at all times. Our subject is gifted with these and with other traits, that have gained him wide-spread popularity and the fullest trust of the people, who know that from his hands they will obtain justice tempered with mercy. The Judge is prominent in political circles as one of the chief counselors of the Republican

party in his district, and he has attended numerous party conventions. During the war, his sympathies were with the Union cause, and in various ways he rendered valuable services in helping to carry it on. He was appointed by Gov. Todd one of a military committee to assist volunteers, to help in raising troops, in obtaining funds for paying soldiers, and in other ways to second the movements of the army in the field. Socially, our subject is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and was Worshipful Master of Madison Lodge No. 221, at Jefferson, in the years of 1853–54, and in 1855 was elected Worshipful Master of Chandler Lodge No. 138, at London, which he held continuously until 1869. Also High Priest of Adoniram Chapel No. 13, for a number of years, and G. I. M. of London Council No. 41, for several years. His home is on North Oak Street, and is very attractive in its appointments and surroundings.

Judge Crabb was married, in 1850, to Miss Sarah A. Putnam, of Jefferson, this county. Her parents were John and Sarah (Heath) Putnam, who were natives of New Hampshire, but passed their last years in this county, where the father was engaged as a farmer. Our subject and his wife have been blessed in their pleasant wedded life with these six children, four of whom are living: Willie P., a druggist at Streator, Ill., who married Miss Nellie Lawrence and has one child, Edith; Helen, who married R. H. McCloud, of the firm of McCloud & Converse, attorneys, at London; Mattie B.; and Oliver P., a clerk in his father's office. The two eldest children, Ella and Albert P., are deceased.

ADAM McCREA is distinguished as one of the oldest residents of Circleville, and is nearly seventy-one years old, having been born within the Old Circle, August 19, 1821. He is the son of Matthew McCrea, who was born in County Down, Ireland, of Scotch parents and was one of the early settlers of Circleville, who ranked among its most active and progressive business men.

The grandparents of our subject were Adam and Martha McCrea, the father a linen draper in Ireland. His son, the father of our subject, came to America in company with his brother Joseph, stopping first at Hagerstown, Md., where he remained for two years. In 1817, he came to the village of Circleville, Pickaway County, whither he had been preceded by his brother. His first employment was in the store of Thomas Bell, who was carrying on a thriving dry-goods business. It was in this county that he met and married his wife, Miss Agnes, daughter of Hugh and Ruth Foresman. Her parents were Scotch people, the mother being a member of the Slocum family who suffered so terribly during the Wyoming massacre. Mrs. Mc Crea was born June 6, 1797, and was married to our subject's father September 16, 1819.

Matthew McCrea established in business on his own account in the fall of 1819 in the village of Jefferson. He rode all the way to Philadelphia, Pa., on horseback to purchase the goods for his store, returning with his small stock of dry-goods in a wagon. Not being satisfied with his location in Jefferson, Mr. McCrea purchased property in Circleville, and in the spring of 1821 removed buildings and stock to the east side of the Old Circle, where he prosecuted his trade successfully until 1828. Then being the owner of a fine tract of land, he disposed of his stock of goods and engaged in farming for the remainder of his life, with the exception of 1834–35, when he became a partner with S. S. Denny in the dry-goods business.

The father of our subject was probably the first successful adventurer in transporting pork, lard and flour from Circleville by way of the Scioto, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to New Orleans. His first trip, which was made in 1819, was undertaken in the interest of his brother-in-law, Thomas Bell. He continued this profitable, although somewhat risky, enterprise until retiring from the mercantile business. It was his custom after disposing of his provisions in the Crescent City to sail for Philadelphia, Pa., where he purchased goods to sell in his store the ensuing year. He was a very genial and hospitable gentleman, and always made welcome both friend and stranger to his home. He took especial pleasure in entertaining ministers, and if the number of those who accepted his kind-

ness, and the frequency of their visits, afford any means by which to judge, we may be sure that they fully appreciated his hospitality. He was a man in whom the people reposed the highest degree of confidence, and at his death an attestation of this fact was shown in his having in his possession a considerable sum of money which had been given him to hold in trust. As one of the founders of the Circleville Academy, he exhibited his interest in educational matters, giving to the cause both his influence and pecuniary support. He was for many years one of the Trustees of the institution and throughout its existence took great interest in its welfare and usefulness.

Always upon the side of good morals and right, Matthew McCrea became at an early day a strong advocate of temperance. He was one of the first to take the then unpopular step of dispensing with liquor in the harvest field. A man of strong and fine religious feeling—a quality perhaps in his Scotch blood—he was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he was Ruling Elder for twelve years or more. Politically, he was a strong Whig of the Henry Clay school. He was in 1845 elected by the legislature as Associate Judge of Pickaway County, a position which he held until his death, September 4, 1847.

Our subject was the eldest in the parental family of eight children, three of whom died in infancy. Joseph is now deceased, as is also Eveline A.; William resides at Trenton, Ill., and George makes his home in St. Louis, Mo. Adam of this sketch had the limited advantages offered by the schools of his district, and in 1837 entered the Miami University, from which institution he was graduated in the summer of 1842 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During the latter part of his college course, he read law, and on returning home entered an office for the purpose of studying for the profession. In the spring of 1843, however, he abandoned the project and to gratify the desire of his father became a farmer.

After the death of his father, Adam McCrea and his mother sold and settled the estate for which they were the administrators, and in January, 1848, he purchased an interest in a dry-goods store in company with his brother-in-law, Nelson J. Turney, which connection lasted for two years, when Mr. C. F. Mackir bought out Mr. Turney, and the new firm of McCrea & Mackir continued for a twelvemonth. The latter-named gentleman then retired and our subject took in as partner his brother Joseph. They continued thus together for six years, when the firm was dissolved and another brother, George, became his partner. In 1871, they disposed of their stock and Mr. McCrea soon after removed to New York City, where he remained for two years in the employ of Halstead, Haines & Co. In the winter of 1873–74, he returned to Circleville, and in April of the last-named year became the proprietor of the Pickaway House, operating as "mine host" until 1882, when he sold out and engaged in the insurance business. His office is located in the Masonic Temple, he representing as good insurance companies as are in existence, viz: Commercial Union, of London; London Assurance; Niagara, of New York; American, of Philadelphia; Home, of New York; Underwriters, of New York, and the Lloyd Plate Glass, which is the largest company of its kind in the United States.

The original of this sketch was married, January 15, 1846, to Miss Isabella, daughter of Dr. Daniel and Janet (Sterling) Turney. Mrs. Mc Crea was born in Pickaway County and departed this life in April, 1889, after having become the mother of four children, three of whom died in infancy. Nelson Turney McCrea, who was born November 12, 1850, is at present residing in Circleville. Our subject served on the School Board during his younger days, being President of that body for seven years, during which time the first class in the High School was graduated. He was also a member of the first board of Teachers' Examiners in this county, requiring the teachers to attain a much higher standard in education than formerly. He is at the present time a member of the Board of Trustees of the Miami University, which is his Alma Mater, being appointed to that position by Gov. Hoadley in 1884.

In his political views, Mr. McCrea is a Republican. He is connected with the Presbyterian Church, having been for a number of years one of its Ruling Elders, being first elected to serve in that capacity by the death of his father, who was

the incumbent of that position. He is Superintendent of the Sunday-school and has been intimately connected with it as such since 1847. He was President of the Pickaway Bible Society for more than twenty-one years and in consideration of his services was constituted a life Director of the American Bible Society and also a life Director of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. Mr. Mc Crea is widely known throughout this portion of the State and his friends are as numerous as his acquaintances.

JOHN W. KELLOUGH. This representative farmer of Range Township, Madison County, is also engaged in the manufacture of tile, brick and hollow building blocks, having his place of business and residence on the Yankeetown and Midway Pike, three and one-half miles from Cook. He is a native of the Hoosier State, having been born in Fountain County, July 5, 1839, to John and Rebecca (Pummill) Kellough, natives respectively of Kentucky and Virginia. The father departed this life May 17, 1839, six weeks before the birth of our subject. The parental family consists of two children: Mrs. Mary J. McClean, of Washington C. H., and John W.

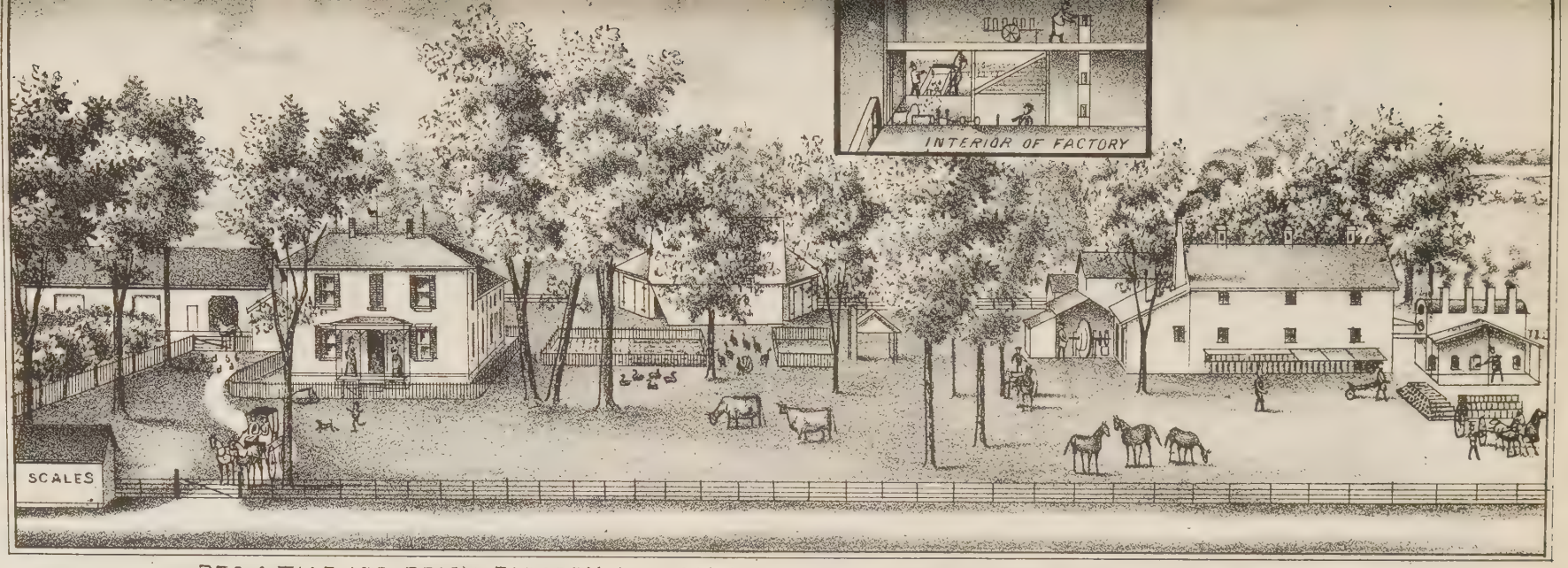
The mother of our subject has always been a woman of tireless industry, and even now, in her seventy-seventh year, is rarely idle. Always kind and pleasant, she exhorts others to patience, perseverance and charity. When left a widow with two small children, in a strange land, and far from home and friends, with zealous heart and hands she sought employment in the rural districts. She grew flax, assisted in the manufacture of linen, and took wool from the sheep's back, carding it into rolls, then warping and weaving it, and, as tailoress, making wearing apparel for men, women and children. In those days, she was regarded as an expert in cutting and fitting those suits that would scarcely wear out, and which were especially comfortable for the people of log cabins. Since her girlhood she has been a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has lived true to her religious faith. Her anxiety is now in the well-doing and well-being of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

When our subject was quite young, his mother came to Highland County, this State, and made her home with her father, where they remained until John W. was a lad of six years. They then moved to Ross County, where he grew to manhood on a farm and received a fair education in the district school, which was supplemented by attendance at the South Salem Academy and the Chillicothe Select School. Mr. Kellough began teaching when seventeen years of age and was thus employed during the fall and winter terms for six years.

The lady to whom our subject was married June 5, 1862, was Miss Senith V., daughter of Henry and Mary (Vincenthaler) Poole. She was born in Bourneville, Ross County, April 6, 1841, and, after her marriage to Mr. Kellough, they lived on rented property in that county for some time. In 1863, our subject enlisted for service in the Civil War, as a member of Company F, Fifty-fifth Battalion National Guards, and was placed on duty at Cincinnati, taking part in the Morgan raid, at which time he commanded his company as Lieutenant, and he was also in the one hundred day service.

In 1873, Mr. Kellough left the farm in Ross County which had been his home for ten years, and, on coming to this county, purchased his pleasant home of two hundred and four acres, which he has thoroughly drained, cleared and placed under the best of tillage. In 1882, he began the manufacture of brick by hand, and later, on account of the large demand for his product, he put in first-class machinery. He added the manufacture of tile in 1883, and six years later, hollow building blocks, giving employment to eight or ten hands and doing a business of $2,500 a year, besides the farm receipts. His manufactures are of the best quality and find a ready sale in the home market.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kellough have been born ten children, nine of whom are living: Mamie A. is now Mrs. Will Dodridge, of Dayton, Ohio; Charles is teaching school, which is the occupation of Annie, who is residing in the Indian Territory; Nellie married Isaac Dixon, and lives in Washington C. H.; Sallie, William St. P., Paul, Katie and R. Wal-



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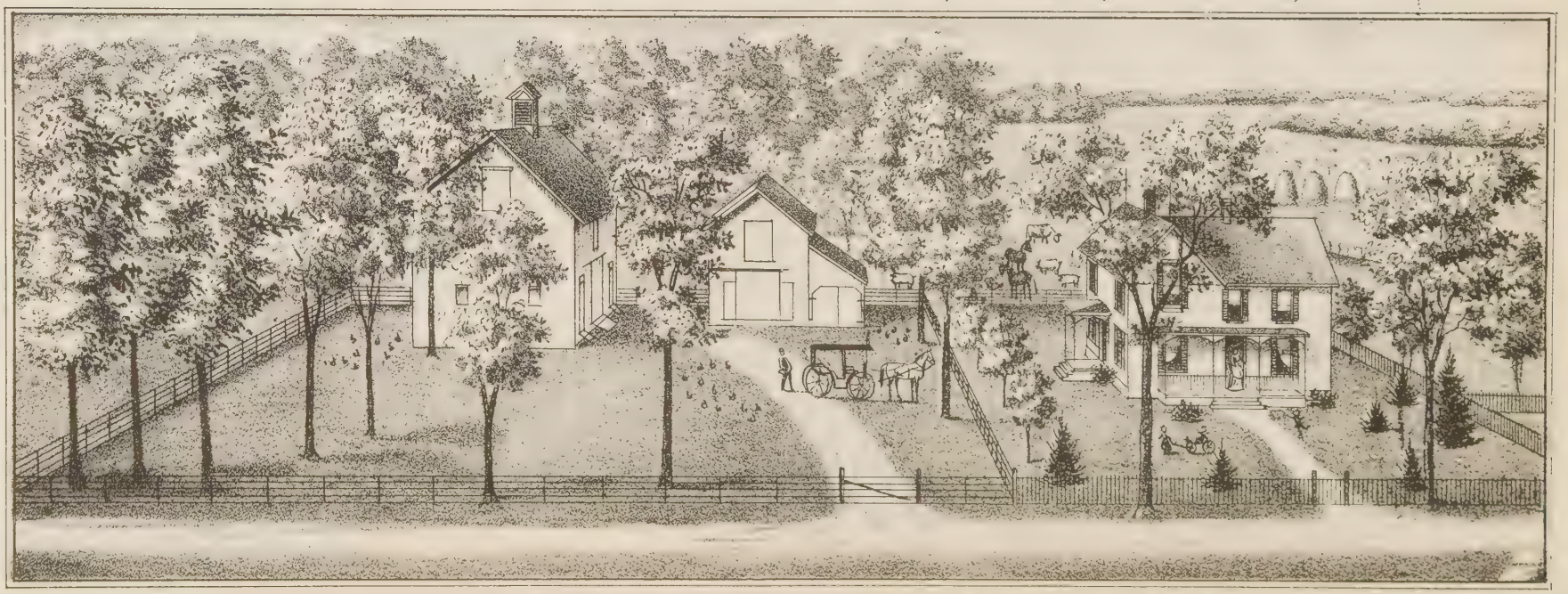

RESIDENCE OF W. H. BLAIN, DARBY TP., PICKAWAY CO., OHIO.

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Mr. Kellough cast his first Presidential vote in 1860 for Stephen A. Douglas. He has represented his township in the positions of Clerk, Trustee and Land Appraiser, and is actively interested in all measures which tend to the upbuilding of his community. With his wife and two children, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has been an active worker in the Sunday-school.

Alex McConnell, who is mentioned in the history of Ohio as a great Indian-fighter, was our subject's great-grandfather. Our subject's paternal grandfather, John Kellough, emigrated to America from his native heath, the region of the Grampian Hills, in Scotland, and settled in Kentucky, whence he removed to Highland County, this State, and, purchasing one thousand acres, stocked his land with blooded horses and cattle, and also erected a distillery. At one time he was very wealthy, but, engaging as contractor on the Ohio Canal, lost much of his money. He was an active, shrewd business man, and an enterprising farmer and stock-raiser. His death occurred in the Buckeye State, and he lies buried upon the banks of the Scioto River, near Waverly.

WILLIAM H. BLAIN. It is with pleasure that the biographer records the life work of William H. Blain, of whose brother, Joseph H., mention is made upon another page of this volume. The ancestry of the family is given at full length in the biography of the brother and will not be repeated here; it suffices to say that our subject inherits in like measure the excellent traits and sturdy character of those ancestors, and stands high in the community. Not only in his own person, but in that of his wife and family, is he worthy of honor, and his excellent management and untiring industry have made his farm one of the finest in Darby Township, Pickaway County.

Mr. Blain was born in Darby Township December 10, 1848, and received his early school education in the rudely-built and scantily-furnished log schoolhouse of that early day. His independent life work began at the age of twenty-one, but he continued with his father through the winter, and worked by the month until the spring of 1877, when he purchased one hundred and twenty-eight acres of his father. The land was at that time well cleared and partially drained, but there were no buildings upon it, and all the improvements which we see here to-day are the work of the present owner.

The marriage of our subject, which took place January 23, 1884, united him with Miss Mary E. Deming, who was born in Washington County, Ohio, June 26, 1854, and to them have been born three children, Eddith E., Ernest D., and Ordie A. The beautiful frame farm-house which is now occupied by the family was erected by Mr. Blain in 1883, and the large frame barn was put up the following year. The condition of the farm is exceptionally good, as most thorough cultivation is placed upon the land and everything is kept up in neat order. Mixed farming is here carried on, and considerable attention devoted to both grain and stock. He has fed some cattle, but pays especial attention to raising hogs, of which he keeps a large number.

The farm of Mr. Blain has been thoroughly tile-drained, and has now over two miles of drainage under its surface. All modern improvements which meet with the approval of this judicious farmer are here introduced, with the result that he has been extremely successful in all his work. A view of his place is shown elsewhere. His political views have brought him into sympathy and co-operation with the Republican party. His wife, whose character and ability bring her into the front rank among the ladies of Darby Township, is an earnest and devoted member of the Methodist Church.

BURR E. CARPENTER. Canaan Township, which forms such an important part of the rich agricultural region of Madison County, is well represented by this gentleman, who is "a native to the manner born," and is one of its most competent and wide-awake farmers, having a

well-ordered farm four miles south of Plain City. He was born here July 14, 1850. He is a son of Wesley Carpenter, who many years occupied an important place among the farmers of this locality, and during his life was a factor in developing the agricultural resources of the county.

The father of our subject was born and reared in one of the early pioneer homes of Delaware County, and, coming from there to Madison County in 1840, he cast in his lot with its farmers, and became a prosperous member of that class, improving a large and valuable estate. He was married in Darby Township, and immediately after located where our subject now resides, and there spent his remaining days, dying at the age of sixty-seven. His wife died at the age of forty-eight years. Her maiden name was Sarah Smith, and she was a native of Darby Township, of which her father, Richard Smith, a Vermonter by birth, was an early settler. She was the mother of three children, two daughters and one son: Irena, wife of John Stolbird, of this county; Mary, wife of Benjamin Johnston, of Union County, and our subject, who is the second child and only son. His paternal grandfather was Benjamin Carpenter, who was a native of Pennsylvania and an early settler of Ohio. He was under the employ of the Government for a time during the War of 1812.

Our subject was reared to a life of industry on the farm on which he now resides, and those principles that have made him a good citizen and an honorable man were instilled into his mind by his worthy parents. He attended the district school in his boyhood, and at other times helped in the farm work, becoming thoroughly familiar with every detail thereof. He continued to live with his father and mother until their death, when he came into possession of his share of the old homestead, and at once after his marriage took up his residence in his present home thereon. His farm of two hundred and thirty acres of land of exceptional fertility is mostly under cultivation and yields him abundant harvests, as well as affording sustenance in its rich pastures for fine stock of various kinds. The buildings are of a good class, and everything about the place wears an air of thrift and intelligent management.

Mr. Carpenter was married September 26, 1875, to Miss Amelia Porter, who is also a native of Canaan Township, born here November 14, 1850, and she is the third daughter of Silas and Salinda (Beetler) Porter, who were natives respectively of Greene and Madison Counties, coming of the early pioneer stock of the State. Her father lived to be seventy-eight years old, and her mother to be seventy-five. Mr. and Mrs Carpenter have been blessed in their marriage by the birth of a son and a daughter: Stanley, born August 31, 1876, and Laura, September 16, 1880.

Our subject and his amiable wife stand high in social and religious circles in their community. Both are exemplary members of the Darby Baptist Church in Canaan Township, and he belongs to Pleasant Valley Lodge No. 193, I. O. O. F., at Plain City. In politics, he is a thorough Republican and is steadfast in his allegiance to his party.

JACOB HOWARD SCHRYVER, of Mt. Sterling, was born in Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, N. Y., October 21, 1820, and is a son of Martin I. and Hannah (Cole) Schryver. The father was born in Ulster County, N. Y., and was of German descent, while the mother was born in Dutchess County, and was descended from Dutch ancestry. Martin Schryver was a stone cutter by trade, but was employed as foreman on Gen. Armstrong's farm. His death occurred near Circleville, Ohio, October 5, 1865, at the age of sixty-seven years.

When our subject was quite a young lad, he was employed on Gen. Armstrong's farm as a chore boy and to wait on the General. At the age of fifteen, he went to New York City, and for three years engaged in clerking in a grocery store, during which time he also studied book-keeping. He was then employed as a book-keeper in a wholesale and retail grocery house, with which he was connected until it went out of business in 1837. Mr. Schryver soon after emigrated to the West, locating in Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1840, after

which he engaged in teaching school, and was thus successfully employed for sixteen years. He bought land in Jackson and Wayne Townships, and during the summer months engaged in its cultivation.

On the 13th of May, 1841, Mr. Schryver wedded Elizabeth Rose, of Pickaway County, and by their union six children were born, five of whom grew to mature years, while three are yet living: Edson Marion is a commission merchant of Baltimore, Md., and President of the Board of Police Commissioners; Martin is the next younger; and James Milton is Assistant General Passenger Agent in Baltimore, Md., having been in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for twenty years. The mother of this family died May 30, 1870. Mr. Schryver was again married in Milford, N. H., May 18, 1871, this time to Hannah E. French, of Milford, Hillsboro County, N. H. She was born March 19, 1847, and was a daughter of Phineas and Lydia (Hardy) French. Three children have been born of this union: Nellie Moore, who was born in Baltimore, June 25, 1875, and graduated from the Mt. Sterling High School in June, 1892; Anna Vista, born in Mt. Sterling, June 23, 1877; and Howard French, born April 9, 1885. The mother is a highly educated and refined lady. She was educated in Andover, Mass., at the Abbott Female Seminary, and at the age of sixteen began teaching. She followed that profession for a number of years, and met with excellent success.

After his second marriage, Mr. Schryver removed to Baltimore, Md., where he resided from November, 1874, until July, 1875. He then took up his residence in London, Ohio, but came to Mt. Sterling in August, 1876, his wife being employed as a teacher in the public schools. She has now taught for nine years in the public schools of Mt. Sterling. Mr. Schryver lost much of his property by going security for others, losing in this way $16,000. While in Baltimore, he was attacked with paralysis, from which he has never fully recovered. Himself, wife and two daughters are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is an Elder, and for thirty-five years he was a member of the Odd Fellows' society. He cast his first ballot in 1844 for James K. Polk, and for some time was a Democrat, but is now an ardent Prohibitionist. He has held a number of public offices, discharging his various duties with promptness and fidelity. His upright life and sterling worth have won him high regard, and he has many friends throughout the community.

MARTIN WESLEY SCHRYVER, the senior member of the firm of Schryver & Son, is a leading business man of Mt. Sterling. He was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, October 12, 1846, and is a son of Jacob H. and Elizabeth (Rose) Schryver. His father is a native of Dutchess County, N. Y., and is of German descent. Our subject was reared on the farm until eleven years of age, and the next six years of his life were spent in attending school in Circleville, while his father was serving as Clerk of the Court. At the age of seventeen, he began teaching, and was thus employed until 1871, when he began editing the Mt. Sterling *Review*, the first paper published in this place. He continued that business for three years, but the town was too small to support the paper, and he sold out. He then resumed teaching, which he followed for five years, after which he embarked in business as a dealer in books and stationery. On the 1st of January, 1890, he admitted his son Robert to partnership, and in September, 1891, they added a stock of house-furnishing goods, including furniture, stoves, queensware, etc.

On the 15th of October, 1868, Mr. Schryver was united in marriage with Barbara Campbell, who was born in Pickaway County, September 10, 1849. Six children have been born to this union: Robert H., who was born August 9, 1873, has been well educated, and is a young man of good business ability; Florence was born November 19, 1875; Guy H., in 1878; Clyde, in 1880; Helen, February 20, 1883; and Maud, March 19, 1885.

Mr. Schryver has a home of twenty-five acres just outside the city of Mt. Sterling. In politics, he is a Democrat, but of late years has affiliated with the Prohibition party. He served as a mem-

ber of the Council for three years, and was on the School Board for seven years, and the cause of education has found in him a warm friend. Himself and wife are members of the Methodist Church. He is a man of honest, upright character, worthy of the high esteem in which he is held.

HENRY L. BENDEL, a prosperous merchant of Jeffersonville, Fayette County, was born in Richmond, Ind., August 21, 1867, to Edward H. and Carrie (Goldman) Bendel, the father a native of Albany, N. Y., and the mother of Chicago, Ill. The father located at Richmond, Ind., about the year 1866, and was there engaged in the mercantile business. Two years later, he came to Jeffersonville, and continued to carry on his former business in conection with his father-in-law, Louis Goldman, for some years. In 1887, he again moved to Richmond, and is now making his residence there, and is one of the prominent merchants of that place. He became the father of four children, three of whom are surviving: Henry L., Sarah and Bertha.

Our subject was reared in Fayette County, and received his education in the public schools, after which he attended the Commercial College at Springfield, this State, and was graduated therefrom in 1885. In 1887, he went to Richmond, Ind., and traveled as a commercial salesman for Glaser, Kuder & Co., of Cincinnati, for about two years. In the winter of 1888, he embarked in the merchandise business for himself at Jeffersonville, in which he has since continued. The premises occupied embrace a fine business room, beside cellar and wareroom for storage and the display of stock. The general business room is fitted in metropolitan style, while the stock, in its completeness and attractions, will bear favorable comparison with the leading houses of its class in the county. The stock embraces the freshest goods, and the latest styles and novelties in ladies' dress goods, general dry goods and notions, boots and shoes and carpets. Exerting a marked influence upon the trade, this house is worthy of recognition as a leading house in this special department of trade, and a desirable one with which to hold business relations. This store is the only one of its kind in the town, and one of the best in the county.

Miss Laura Gray became the life companion of the gentleman of whom this sketch is written October 20, 1886. Mrs. Bendel is a daughter of Edward and Rosa (Berryman) Gray, and is a native of Jeffersonville, Ohio. Three children have been born to her by this union, who bear the respective names of Mary, Helen and Louis G., all of whom are under the parental roof. Mr. Bendel is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and holds the positions in the latter of Treasurer and Senior and Junior Warden. Mrs. Bendel is a consistent and beloved member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Jeffersonville.

HON. JOSEPH P. SMITH, of Circleville, was born in Toronto, Canada, in March, 1831, and is a son of Patrick and Rose (McQuinn) Smith, who are mentioned in connection with the sketch of Edward Smith on another page of this work. In 1837, he accompanied his parents to Lockport, N. Y., but afterward returned to Toronto with his aunt, and there remained until the family came to Circleville, Ohio. He remembers the mound and a part of the old circle from which the city gets its name. He improved every opportunity for securing an education, even attending school for two terms after he had attained his majority. After his father's death, he engaged in raising broom corn in connection with his brother.

In 1856, Mr. Smith removed to Fairfield County, Ohio, and rented the farm of Thomas Ewing, father-in-law of Gen. William Sherman. He there remained three years, devoting his attention to the raising of broom corn. During that time, he was married, in November, 1856, in Lancaster, to Susan P. Bish, daughter of Martin and Magdelene Bish, both of whom were natives of Germany, and became early settlers of Lancaster, Ohio, where they

engaged in the hotel business. Ten children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith, nine of whom grew to mature years: Edward died in Denver, Colo., at the age of thirty; Mary died in infancy; Frank is a popular merchant tailor of Circleville; Cecelia was graduated from St. Mary's school, of Columbus; Charles is a broker of Denver, Colo.; Susan was attending St. Mary's School but died at her home when sixteen years of age; William is a partner of his father; Anna is a student in a musical college of Cincinnati; and Joseph and Rose are at home

On returning to Pickaway County, Mr. Smith spent a year in Harrison Township and then returned to Circleville, forming a partnership with his brother, which continued up to a few years ago. They purchased altogether five hundred and thirty acres of land adjoining the city limits and raised broom corn. They also rented land, operating in all eight hundred acres. They pressed, baled and shipped their corn themselves, erecting on their farm large buildings, where they had presses, steam-scrapers, etc. Their large warehouse would hold five hundred tons, and they have sold as high as $400 a ton. In 1883, Mr. Smith bought his brother's interest in all but the land, and admitted his son Edward to partnership, under the firm name of J. P. Smith & Son, but, as before stated, Edward died in Colorado. In 1889, William was admitted to partnership. They are doing a good business, which is constantly increasing. The brothers divided the land in 1890, and our subject owns two hundred and sixty-one and one-half acres, but still operates the entire amount, of which eighty acres are planted in Indian corn, eighty acres in sweet corn and the remainder in broom corn. He formerly employed fifty hands throughout the whole season and three hundred and fifty during the time of harvest. He operates the largest farm in broom corn in the county. Mr. Smith also owns some real estate in Circleville, including his beautiful residence on the corner of Scioto and Mound Streets. He was an organizer of, and is a director in, the Third National Bank and was a stockholder and worked hard to secure the Scioto Valley Railroad to this place.

A person looking upon the Scioto River in one of its quiet moods could scarcely imagine that it ever becomes such a dangerous element as it is known to be. Mr. Smith on one occasion almost lost his life in the flood. The freshet of April, 1860, was one never to be forgotten. The land owned by Mr. Smith was all inundated and the whole country had the appearance of a vast lake. At a distance from the river, the water had surrounded some outbuildings, in which were stored a large quantity of valuable machinery. With Joseph Levering, William Monahan and Daniel Carroll, Mr. Smith started to see what could be done to prevent this property from being washed away. The force of the flood caused their skiff to strike against a bank and it sank. Mr. Smith struck out boldly for a box-elder tree which stood some distance off. The first branch which he reached broke, but he managed to grasp a second that sustained him, and he climbed into the tree and was saved. Mr. Levering tried to follow but was swept away by the current and drowned. Mr. Monahan tried to save himself by climbing on the levee, but the river washed him off, and he then made a desperate effort to reach a tree near Mr. Smith, but failed, and he too found a watery grave. Mr. Carroll managed to cling to a boat until help arrived and the two survivors were rescued from their perilous situation. For a long time afterward, whenever Mr. Smith closed his eyes he seemed to see the rushing river, the drowning men and himself and companion as in a picture.

Mr. Smith was first a Whig and then a Republican until Grant's second term, since which time he has been a Democrat and has served in the county and State conventions of his party. He filled the office of City Alderman for two terms and was Trustee of Circleville Township for several terms. In 1882, he was appointed by Gov. Bishop as a member of the Board of Trustee of the Asylum for the Insane for three years, was then reappointed by Gov. Hoadley for five years, and on the expiration of that term was appointed by Gov. Campbell for five years, serving two years, and during the past two years has been President of the Board. Through his efforts, many valuable improvements have been made. A storeroom and ice houses have been built and artificial lakes made, and many other necessary conveniences have been added.

Mr. Smith has served longer than other members of the Board and his efforts in behalf of the school have been productive of much good. He is an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, is President of the Order of Knights of St. Joseph and the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. His life has been well and worthily spent, and he is one of the most honored citizens of Circleville. His public duties have ever been faithfully performed and he is alike true to every private trust.

HON. THOMAS D. McELWAIN, Judge of Probate for Fayette County, is numbered among the honored and well-known citizens of Washington C. H. To the position which he is now filling with credit to himself, he was first elected in the fall of 1887, assuming the duties of the office in February of the ensuing year. Two years later, he was re-elected and entered upon his second term in February, 1891. His mental acquirements and judicial bent of character admirably adapt him for the successful and unprejudiced discharge of his official duties.

Thomas D. McElwain was born July 29, 1843, in the city of which he is still a resident. He is the son of William and Maria C. (Nye) McElwain. His paternal grandparents, Robert and Jane (Taylor) McElwain, belonged to good old Kentucky families and were pioneers of Fayette County, coming hither in 1811, and settling in Good Hope when that now flourishing village was a wilderness. In the home they established in that place, they spent their remaining years and passed away at a good old age. Grandfather McElwain was a Captain in the War of 1812, and was a man of resolute character, determined will and unflinching purpose—a typical pioneer.

William McElwain, father of our subject, was born in Kentucky in 1809, and was therefore only two years old when he was brought by his parents to the Buckeye State. He grew to manhood in Fayette County, where he was married to Miss Maria C., daughter of Ichabod Nye, Captain of a Light Horse Company in the War of 1812, and Master of Marietta Lodge, F. & A. M., in 1807–09, that being the first Masonic lodge in the State. After his marriage, William McElwain settled in Washington C. H., in the growth of which he became an important factor. He was a prominent business man and also dealt considerably in real estate, purchasing land adjoining the city and subdividing it into town lots, which he sold. His interest in the public affairs of the community was deep and unwavering, and he was one of the influential members of the Republican party. He served two terms as County Treasurer and was appointed to fill out a part of a third term.

At his death, which occurred December 27, 1891, William McElwain left a family of seven children, viz: Capt. John N., of Washington, D. C.; Thomas D., of this sketch; Asenath U., the widow of Mason Blanchard; Eliza C., who married Robert Parker; Robert T.; Willie C., wife of B. F. Carmean, a merchant of Marysville, this State; and Eva, wife of John A. King.

When less than eighteen years old, our subject enlisted in Company A, First Ohio Cavalry, as Bugler. The first squadron of said regiment, Companies A and C, was ordered to West Virginia, thence to Winchester, and later was with the Army of the Potomac. Our subject participated in the battles of Gettysburg, Antietam, Fredericksburg, South Mountain, and the principal engagements of the army in the East. In 1863, two years after his enlistment, the said companies joined the regiment with Gen. Wilson in the West, and his company there become noted for sending out the spies who were with Jefferson Davis for a long time, and were chiefly instrumental in his capture.

At the expiration of his term of enlistment, our subject returned home. During his service, he was wounded at the battle of Bull Run. After visiting Illinois, he commenced the study of law with the Hon. Mills Gardner at Washington C. H., and was admitted to the Bar in 1869. Under the administration of President Arthur, he was appointed Postmaster, but resigned at the expiration of three years, and accepted a place on the Republican ticket as a candidate for the position of Judge of the Probate Courts. In p litical af-

fairs, he has always been interested, and was Chairman of the Republican Central Committee for five years. Until he became Postmaster, he was an active practitioner and filled the office of City Solicitor for some time.

Socially, the Judge is identified with Lodge No. 129, B. P. O. E.; the Knights of Pythias; John M. Bell Post, G. A. R., of which he has been Commander; Fayette Lodge and Fayette Chapter, F. & A. M., and is a Past Eminent Commander of Garfield Commandery; he is also a member of the Cincinnati Consistory, Scottish Rite. Mrs. McElwain bore the maiden name of Lydia K. Davis, and is the daughter of Dr. James M. and Catherine (Tibbs) Davis, of Missouri. Judge McElwain and his wife are the parents of two children: William and Mazie M., now the wife of William E. Shepherd, of Hartford, Conn. The daughter was given every opportunity to develop her talent for music and is a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music in both violin and elocution.

JAMES JONES, President of the Farmers' Bank of Mt. Sterling and a member of the firm of Jones & Jones, dealers in grain, coal, salt and grass-seed, is a prominent business man of this place, having been connected with its leading enterprises for a number of years. He also has a wide acquaintance and is favorably known throughout the community.

Mr. Jones was born in Madison Township, Fayette County, Ohio, October 8, 1836. His father, Isaac Jones, was a native of Ross County, and on attaining to mature years, wedded Unity Graham, a native of Fayette County. Beside our subject they had two children: Mrs. Mary E. Bostwick, who is now deceased, and Mrs. Sarah Taylor, who resides in Chicago, Ill., and has four children.

Our subject spent his boyhood days upon his father's farm, and at the age of nineteen began working by the month. He was thus employed for three years, during which time he saved $300. He was married March 17, 1859, and then began farming on rented land. By his industry and economy, four years later he was able to purchase one hundred acres of land in Monroe Township, Pickaway County. Subsequently, he purchased one hundred and sixty-five acres of land in Madison Township, Fayette County, and another tract of one hundred and seventy acres in Monroe Township, Pickaway County. His first farm he has sold, but he still owns the other. As the years passed, he became interested in other business transactions and aided in organizing the first bank in Mt. Sterling. It became known as the Farmers' Bank. Mr. Jones served as Director for one year, three years after its organization was elected Vice-president and during the last two years before it was closed was its President. He was one of ten who took equal shares and organized the present Farmers' Bank, of which he was elected President in 1891. One of the original stockholders having died, the nine others purchased the interest and are still the only members of the company.

In 1884, Mr. Jones entered into partnership with W. M. Jones, as dealers in coal, grain, salt and grass seed. They handle an average of one hundred thousand bushels of corn each year, fifty thousand bushels of wheat, sell two hundred car loads of coal and $2,500 worth of grass seed. They are the only dealers in this line in Mt. Sterling and do a flourishing business, which is constantly increasing.

Mr. Jones cast his first vote for John C. Fremont, in 1856, and has since been a stalwart Republican, doing all in his power for the advancement of the party. He has served for more than a quarter of a century as School Director and the cause of education has found in him a warm friend. He is also a warm advocate of temperance principles and gives his aid to all enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and himself, wife and daughters all belong to the Methodist Church, of which he is Steward, Class-leader and Trustee.

Six children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Jones as follows: Mary, who was born in Monroe Township, Pickaway County; Luella, wife of Ernest Dreyfogle, of Darby Township, Pickaway

County, by whom she has two children; Willis, a grain dealer of Darby, Ohio; Melinda, wife of Warner Beale, Cashier of the Citizens' Bank of Mt. Sterling, and Anna and Unity, who are still at home.

JOHN O. BECKETT. We have here one of the most widely-known and popular young men in this section of Pickaway County, who is esteemed by the people at Commercial Point not only on account of his own ability and character, but also for the sake of his respected father. He is a prominent merchant and a member of one of the oldest families in the county and was born at Commercial Point, October 22, 1852.

The father, James A. Beckett, was born in Virginia, in 1821, and was the son of Wiley H. Beckett, also a native of the Old Dominion, and one of a family of German descent. The grandfather came to Ohio in 1830, by wagon over the mountains, and first located in this township, one quarter of a mile west of the village, buying a small tract of timber land and settling in a log cabin, when there were few other settlers here and when wolves and deer were plentiful. He bought and developed considerable land, and at one time three hundred and eighty-six acres here and sixteen hundred acres in the counties of Howell and Shannon, Mo. He died here at the age of eighty-five years, and although he began poor, had by hard work and good management attained a large and handsome property. This gain was made not by niggardliness nor by selfish methods of business, as he was noted for open-heartedness and his house was a home for everybody. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church and one of its founders. In politics, he was first a Whig and later a Democrat.

The father of our subject, who was born in 1820, was only nine years old when he came to Ohio, and through his childhood he attended the primitive schools in the log schoolhouses. He farmed more or less during his life, and in 1844 established the merchandise business which our subject now carries on. In those early days, he used to go on horseback to Springfield and thence take the cars for Cincinnati in order to buy goods. He enjoyed a very large trade and continued in this business up to the close of his life. He was a man of generous feelings and trusted poor customers even when he knew that in all probability they could never pay him. He owned one hundred and eighteen acres here and one hundred and sixty acres in Missouri.

For many years James A. Beckett was a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church, and in political matters he was a Democrat, and much interested in the welfare of his party. He held the offices of Township Treasurer for more than twenty-five years, beside some other minor offices, and was one of the founders of the Masonic order here. His death in 1884, at the age of sixty-four years, was esteemed a great loss to the community. His wife, Margaret, daughter of Anthony Coontz, a pioneer of this township, was born here in 1827. Of her five children four grew to maturity: Ella is now Mrs. Magley; Cornelia is Mrs. Durrett; the third child is John O.; Clara is Mrs. Peters. Laura died at the age of three years. Their mother died at the age of fifty-nine, and she was greatly missed in social and church circles, in which she had been a valued member.

John O. Beckett was reared in the village of Commercial Point, gaining his education in the village school. At the age of seventeen, he entered the Columbus Business College, from which he graduated in 1878. After serving his father in the store more or less, he began in 1875 to clerk for a percentage of the profits, and after completing his course in the Commercial College, he entered the business as a partner with his father, and brother-in-law, Mr. W. H. Magley. This partnership continued for three years at which time Mr. Magley withdrew, and the firm became Beckett & Son.

At the death of the father, the business was sold out, but the son re-established it in 1886, and has since carried it on in a large three-story building which was built in 1881 by the father and son. The dimensions of the building are 24x50 feet, and the store occupies the two lower floors and cellar, beside occupying a large addition which has been

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built, and in which is found a stove and tinware department. The main stock is in dry-goods, groceries, hardware, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes and wall paper.

The marriage of Mr. Beckett and Miss Ermina Gray took place February 16, 1882. This lady was born in Scioto Township, January 16, 1856, and she is now the mother of four children: Miller, Clara, Hazel and James. Mr. Beckett has fifty acres of improved land adjoining the town, and owns the whole of the block upon which his business is situated, with the exception of that covered by the township building on the corner. Beside this, he has a house and lot across the street from his store, and two other vacant lots. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and although he does not aspire to office, is a Democrat in his political views.

ROBERT H. DEYO. The gentleman whose portrait and life sketch we here present, belongs to one of the oldest families of Pickaway County, occupies an important place among its foremost business men as an extensive dealer in grain, stock and wool, and is distinguished in its annals as one of the founders of the village of Derby, of which he is a resident.

Our subject was born October 9, 1835, in Madison County, his birthplace being just over the line from Palestine. His father, Jeremiah Deyo, was born in this State, on what is known as the Benjamin Renick farm, in Darby Township, in the year 1808. He was the son of Jonas Deyo, who was a native of New York. The father of the latter came to this country from France before the Revolution, and settled in the State of New York, where he was engaged as a farmer and miller, and at length died there at a good old age.

The grandfather of our subject was also a miller and a farmer. At an early day he came to Pickaway County, journeying thither in a wagon, and located north of Circleville, in the Scioto Valley, being among the first to settle in that region. He lived there a few years and then became a pioneer of this township, where he bought a large tract of land. He subsequently sold it, and, moving to Harrisburgh, built what is yet known as the Chenoweth Mill, on Darby Creek, this being the second mill erected on this stream. He operated it thirty years, and at the same time carried on farming extensively, accumulating a valuable property, including five hundred acres of land. A stalwart, energetic man of surpassing ability and clear brain, he was positive in his opinions, and had a broad outlook on the world. In politics, he was an old-line Whig, and a Universalist in religion. He died at the age of seventy-two years, leaving behind him a life record of true manhood worthy of emulation.

Jeremiah Deyo was reared to the life of a farmer amid pioneer environments, and was educated in the primitive log schoolhouses of the early years of the settlement of this county. When he began life for himself, he first settled across Deer Creek, opposite his birthplace, in Madison County, near Mt. Sterling, on one of his uncle's farms, which he carried on a few years. He then removed to Harrisburgh, Franklin County, where he kept a tavern for two years. At the end of that time, he came back to Darby Township and resumed farming, renting mostly. He finally bought land near this village, and farmed it three years; when his parents died, he sold the home farm and bought two hundred and four acres on Possum Run, cultivating the land until his death, which occurred at the age of fifty-four years. He was a hard worker, very ambitious and active, and one of the solid men of the township, in which he held the offices of Trustee and Assessor at different times. He was highly regarded by his neighbors and friends, who sought his counsel and valued his opinions. He was deeply interested in religious matters, and was influential in such as a member of the Christian Church. In politics, he was a Whig until the Republicans organized, and he then became one of them.

The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Hannah Alkire, was born in Madison County, across Deer Creek from this point. She is still living at Derby, and is bright and active for one of her advanced years. She is a member in high

standing of the Christian Church, and her daily life shows her to be true to the faith she professes. Her father, Robert Alkire, was born in Kentucky, and was a son of William Alkire, who was born and reared in that State. The Alkires originated in Germany, but the American branch of the family settled in this country many years ago. The maternal great-grandfather of our subject was a farmer, and came here in his old age, in the year 1800, from Kane Ridge, Ky., and died across the line in Madison County. His son Robert, who came here the same year, bought sixteen hundred acres of land, built a log cabin in the forests on what is now known as the Harvey Alkire farm, and became an extensive farmer. He died in middle life, in his home just across the line in Madison County.

Robert Deyo, of this biographical review, is one of six children, of whom three grew to maturity beside himself: Elizabeth (Mrs. Mautle), Jane (Mrs. Anderson) and William. Our subject grew to a vigorous, self-reliant manhood under the wholesome influences of farm life. He was educated in the typical pioneer schoolhouse of the olden times, which in his boyhood had not been replaced by the neat modern structures of to-day. The building in which he acquired his knowledge of the "three R's" was made of logs, heated by means of a large fireplace, and furnished with slab benches, a slab against the wall serving as a writing desk; the floor was of puncheons, and greased paper served instead of glass to admit the light.

At the age of seventeen, Mr. Deyo supplemented his district-school education by a short course in the college at Westerville. When he was twenty years old, he began life in earnest as a farmer, and had a part of the home farm under his charge until 1859. In that year, he moved to his father-in-law's farm, in Big Plain, Madison County. He remained there five years, and then returned to the old homestead, where he was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1885. In the meantime, he became one of the company that bought the land and laid out the pretty and thriving village of Derby, in 1884. He bought an interest in the elevator here with Dr. C. W. Higgins, and they operated it together three years, under the firm name of Higgins & Deyo. They disposed of that elevator, when Deyo & Company built the elevator at Palestine, which is now managed under the name of C. Tanner & Co., our subject still being a member of the company.

Mr. Deyo began buying grain in 1863, and has dealt in it ever since, and he buys all kinds of grain, which he ships to Eastern and Southern markets. He has likewise dealt in wool since 1863, selling on commission until 1885, and since then on his own account. He has a finely improved farm of two hundred and four acres, one mile northwest of Derby, which he rents to his son. A man of wealth and public spirit, he has materially aided in the progress of the county, and has been one of the prime movers in the upbuilding of the village of Derby. He has been Trustee of the township, and for the past five years has held the office of Justice of the Peace. He is an impartial and strictly honest Judge, and has sustained the laws satisfactorily in the number of cases that have come under his jurisdiction. He is a Republican of unswerving loyalty to his party. All good causes find in him an advocate, and especially is he interested in educational matters, having always used his influence to procure good schooling. Religiously, both he and his wife, and all of their children, except Alfred, are members of the Christian Church.

Mr. Deyo is blessed in his domestic relations by the best of wives, who fully understands the art of making home an attractive abiding-place. Mrs. Deyo bore the name of Mary A. Noland, was born in Madison County, and was married to our subject in November, 1855. Their union has been hallowed to them by the birth of five children: George W., Laura (Mrs. Hamet), Jeremiah, Alfred and Emma (Mrs. Young).

DANIEL UCKER, a prominent and successful farmer and stock-raiser of Walnut Township, is actively performing his share in carrying forward the great agricultural interests of Pickaway County. He is a native of this

State, and first opened his eyes May 28, 1840, in a pioneer home in Fairfield County. He is a son of the late Andrew and Anne (Dum) Ucker, who were natives respectively of Germany and Pennsylvania, and were early settlers of Fairfield County. In the fall of 1864, they came to Pickaway County and settled in Walnut Township, where the father died November 7, 1879. He was a stanch Democrat in politics, and a true Catholic in religion, and was well known and greatly respected for his unswerving honesty and integrity. His venerable widow is still living in Walnut Township, and is now nearly eighty years old. They had a large family of children, of whom these twelve survive: Joseph, a resident of Missouri; Thomas, who lives in Circleville; Daniel, of Walnut Township; Samuel, of Circleville Township; William, a resident of Colorado; Benjamin, in Washington Township; Andrew, of Walnut Township; Amelia, widow of William Stout, of Circleville; Sarah A., wife of John Weaver, of Circleville; Julia, wife of Jerry O'Ryan, of Circleville, and Elizabeth, wife of A. Henry, of Circleville.

Daniel Ucker was reared to the life of a farmer in his native county. He was educated in the local schools, and is a well-informed man, as he is fond of reading and has always kept himself well posted on general topics. He was wedded October 5, 1867, to Miss Susan Whiteman, and a congenial marriage has contributed much to his prosperity. Mrs. Ucker is a native of Pickaway County, born November 6, 1845, and a daughter of Henry and Ellen (McDonald) Whiteman. Her father was also a native of Pickaway County, born in Walnut Township, his father coming here from Pennsylvania, and becoming one of the first settlers of the township. He located in the woods, and had to endure many hardships while hewing out a farm from the forests. Mrs. Ucker is one of three children, of whom she and her sister, Nancy A., wife of Isaac Tobias, are the only survivors. Her father was prominent in the religious and public life of his community. He was a member of the Baptist Church, active in its work. He had served as Justice of the Peace and Township Trustee, and in his death, October 31, 1890, the county lost one of its most venerated citizens, as well as one of its earliest pioneers. When Mrs. Ucker was a few months old, her mother died, and she was cared for by her grandparents until she was seven years old, and then was reared in her father's family. Mrs. Ucker's grandfather was a Baptist in religion. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ucker, four are left to be the comfort and stay of their declining years: Alice A., Clara A., Mary E., and John A.

Mr. Ucker has a good farm of ninety-three acres of land of exceeding fertility, which he cultivates after the methods best adapted to the soil. He has neat and roomy buildings, fine farming machinery, and everything about the place betokens systematic and skillful farming.

Our subject possesses many sterling virtues of head and heart, is very much liked by the community, and enjoys the confidence of the business world. He has been School Director for his township, and never fails to promote its interests where he can.

JACOB MARTIN. Among the men who have been potent factors in the business activity of Madison County, mention should certainly be made of Jacob Martin, who is one of the prominent and progressive merchants of West Jefferson. He is the son of the late Augustus L. Martin, who was born in New Brunswick, N. J., while his mother, whose maiden name was Kate McNeal, was born in Carlisle, Pa. The elder Mr. Martin located in West Jefferson during the latter part of the '50s, where he was engaged in trade until his decease, in January, 1891, being preceded to the better land by his wife, who departed this life in 1860.

The original of this sketch was born February 16, 1854, in West Jefferson, where he was reared, and educated in the common schools. In 1877, he launched out in the mercantile business in company with Benjamin Hoe, the firm style being Hoe & Martin. They built up a profitable business, and continued together until September, 1891,

when our subject purchased his partner's interest, and has since conducted affairs alone. His store is well stocked with a choice line of goods, and by his course of honorable and straightforward dealing, enjoys an extensive trade.

The lady to whom Mr. Martin was married October 17, 1877, was Miss Etta, daughter of Benjamin Hoe, and to them was born one daughter, Eva. His chief prominence, outside of his business, lies in his political work, he being a leading member of the Democratic party, and has represented his fellow-townsmen four terms as Clerk, and as a member of the Village Council. In social matters, he is a member of West Jefferson Lodge No. 412, I. O. O. F., and is looked upon as one of the respected and useful citizens of the county. Mrs. Martin departed this life April 12, 1889, greatly mourned by her family and numerous friends.

SAMUEL McCLINTOCK, M. D., a well-known physician and surgeon of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, was born on the 1st of February, 1821, in Pickaway County, Ohio, and is a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Bradley) McClintock. His father was a native of the Emerald Isle, and was brought to America when about two years of age. His mother was born in the Keystone State, and was of Dutch descent. The educational advantages which our subject received were only those afforded by the common schools. His boyhood days were mostly spent upon his father's farm. Having determined to engage in the practice of medicine, at the age of twenty he began reading medical works in the office of Dr. J. F. Wilson, of New Holland, near his father's home. He continued his studies in that way for three years, and in the winter of 1844-45, took a course of lectures in the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati. He received some money from his father and borrowed more in order to pay his tuition, and this he repaid in after years. In April, 1845, he began practice in Mt. Sterling, and in a few years had acquired a liberal patronage and did a large business. He has ever kept himself well informed by constant study and reading, and is well posted on everything connected with the sciences.

On the 20th of May, 1847, Dr. McClintock led to the marriage altar Miss Louisa C. Kauffelt, of Palestine, Pickaway County, who was born in Fairfield County, Ohio. Four children have been born unto them, three of whom are still living: Elizabeth is the wife of D. B. Wheeler, of Mt. Sterling, and they have two children; Francenia became the wife of John McClay, of Indiana, and at her death left four children; Letitia is the wife of Edward Miller, of Chicago; and Lola completes the family.

The Doctor was reared as an old-line Whig, but on attaining his majority, cast his first Presidential vote for James K. Polk, and has since been identified with the Democratic party. He has served as a delegate to its various conventions, and has filled the offices of Township and Village Treasurer, and Councilman, and at the present time is Corporation Treasurer. He has also served as a member of the School Board, doing effective work in the interests of education. Himself and wife are active and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which the Doctor holds the office of Trustee. He is also connected with the Masonic lodge, serving as Treasurer, and Junior and Senior Warden. For many years he has made his home in Mt. Sterling, and is widely and favorably known throughout the community. He has ever been identified with the best interests of the place, and is recognized as a valued citizen.

MILTON D. LAKIN has been so well prospered as a farmer that he has accumulated a comfortable property, and is now residing in a handsome brick residence in Jefferson Township, Madison County. He is classed among the progressive citizens of this section, whose active work in developing its agricultural resources has so materially contributed to its welfare. Through energy and perseverance he has

placed the soil of his estate under excellent cultivation and erected ample accommodation for stock and crops.

Daniel Lakin, the father of our subject, was a native of Frederick County, Md., while his mother, who was known in her maidenhood as Dorcas Flenniken, was born near Columbus, this State. She departed this life at the home of our subject in June, 1886, thus surviving her husband many years, he dying in Clinton Township, Franklin County, this State, in 1872. The parental family comprised five children, of whom the only daughter died when three years of age.

Milton D. Lakin was the youngest member of the family and was born in Franklin County, February 1, 1850. He was reared on his father's farm and attended the district school, continuing to reside at home until 1880, when he came to Madison County and located on the Middle Pike, just north of West Jefferson, which is his home at the present time. He has erected on his estate a most beautiful brick residence, which is furnished in a manner that bespeaks the high standing of its owner. Mr. Lakin devotes his entire time and attention to general farming and is making a success of his calling on his three hundred and sixty acres of land.

June 17, 1876, our subject and Miss Ida, daughter of the late James Davis, were united in marriage. Mrs. Lakin's mother bore the maiden name of Mildred C. Armstrong, and departed this life January 9, 1885, while the father died November 12, 1887. They were natives respectively of Madison County, this State, and Virginia, and after their marriage located in Franklin County, where they lived for a time and then removed to Jefferson Township and made their home a short distance from West Jefferson, where they were residing at the time of their decease. Mrs. Lakin, who was the youngest in a family of four children, was born June 22, 1856, and by her union with our subject has become the mother of two children, one of whom died in infancy. The surviving child, who bears the name of James Daniel, was born October 17, 1878.

In politics, our subject is a believer in and a supporter of the principles advocated by the Republican party and takes an active interest in all local affairs. With his wife, he is a conscientious member of the Episcopal Church and socially is a prominent Mason, also a Knight Templar and Knight of Pythias. By his sincere and conscientious uprightness, he has gained the good-will and enjoys the respect of a large circle of friends who will be pleased to notice his biography in this volume.

CLEMENT SHOCKLEY. Prominent in agricultural circles is the gentleman of whom we now write, and who was born in South Township, Clarke County, this State, May 17,1823. He is at present residing on a beautiful estate, located in Stokes Township, Madison County. He is a son of Clement and Elizabeth (Scott) Shockley, the former of whom was a native of this county, and the latter of Xenia, Ohio.

The father of our subject came to this State from Maryland when a boy, and located in Xenia. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was at Detroit at the time of Hull's surrender, when he was taken prisoner. After his exchange, he returned to Xenia, and again joining the army, served throughout that entire struggle. After his marriage, Mr. Shockley removed to Clarke County, and was one of the three men who laid out the town of South Charleston. He became the proprietor of the first tanyard in that portion of the county, and became one of the wealthiest men in that section.

The five children comprising the parental family are Catherine, Mrs. Andrew Hays, who is residing in Fayette County and has three children; our subject is the next in order of birth; Sarah w s first married to Samuel McCoy, and on his death became the wife of James McIntyre, and now makes her home in Montgomery County, Mo.; Daniel B. is a successful farmer in Kempton, Ind.; and Emeline, who married Dr. A. Seward, resides near Kokomo, Ind. Our subject was given a limited education, and when fourteen years of age went to Kentucky with one John Hedrick, his business being to take horses to near Lexing-

ton. He later drove a herd of cattle to Pennsylvania with Peter Slaughter, walking the entire distance bare-footed.

In 1840, he of whom we write began working out by the month on the farm which he now owns, but which was then in the possession of William Harpole. He was thus engaged for a period of four years, and November 5, 1843, was married to Miss Matilda Briggs. To them have been born three children, one of whom is deceased. Elizabeth is now Mrs. Eli Mock and makes her home in this county, and William resides east of South Solon. Sarah, who became the wife of Aaron McCalip, is deceased.

At the time of his marriage, Mr. Shockley had saved enough money to purchase a team of horses, a wagon and some furniture. He then rented property and invested $50 which he had in hogs. At the expiration of a twelvemonth, he purchased one hundred and forty acres, for which he paid $1,400. Not having this amount of money, his former employer, William Harpole, went on his note, and in this way our subject borrowed capital and got his start in life. His first year on the new farm was rather discouraging, as his crops failed so that the interest on the money borrowed was carried over for the next year.

Mr. Shockley drained his land and thereafter reaped a handsome increase from the soil. He later added one hundred and fifty acres to his possessions and, borrowing enough money to go to Indiana and buy cattle, he in that manner made enough money to meet his payments, at the same time making the acquaintance of men of wealth who were glad to accommodate him in a monied way whenever necessary. Mr. Shockley continued to invest in cattle, which he drove through to Eastern markets and sold at handsome profits. His next purchase of land was a quarter-section, for which he paid $3,500 in cash.

Our subject at one time owned fourteen hundred acres of land. He disposed of his first two farms, however, and in 1859 bought five hundred and eighteen acres where he now lives for which he paid $33,000. In addition to that, he bought one hundred acres in Fayette County, which he later gave to his daughter, now Mrs. Mock, and one hundred and four acres, which were also located in that county, he presented to his son.

Mr. Shockley keeps his farm stocked with a good breed of cattle, his herd in 1884 selling for $30,000. About five years ago, he began the cultivation of a portion of his estate, and now devotes considerable attention to raising grain, and occupies an honorable place among the agriculturists of Madison County. In his political relations, our subject for many years voted the Democratic ticket, but now votes for the man instead of the party.

JOEL HICKS. Noteworthy among the agriculturists and stock farmers of Range Township, Madison County, is the gentleman whose name we now give. He is a native of this State, having been born in Ross County, May 3, 1825, and is the son of William and Phœbe (Cook) Hicks. When twenty-two years of age, he accompanied his parents to this county, where his father was a farmer, to which calling he was also trained. He was given a fair education in the district school and when reaching his majority began for himself by working out on farms by the month.

The lady to whom our subject was married in December, 1855, was Miss Hadessah McCune, of Chenoa, Ill., whither he had gone in the spring of that year. Mr. Hicks purchased a tract of four hundred and sixty acres of land in McLean County, which he improved into one of the best farms in that portion of the State. He met with financial reverses on account of going security for other parties and was obliged to forfeit his entire estate. He then rented the farm of which he had been the former owner and in 1881 returned to Ohio, and has been a resident of Range Township since that time.

The five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hicks bear the respective names of Phœbe, John M., Sadie, Julia and Maggie. Formerly a Democrat in politics, he is now in sympathy with the Prohibition party, and while residing in the Prairie

State, served in the positions of Road Commissioner, School Trustee, Assessor, and member of the County Board. He is a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, being identified with the church at Mt. Sterling. The father of our subject died in McLean County, in 1873, and the mother passed away in Saline County, Mo., in 1889, her home being with our subject's only sister, Mrs. Mary Harrison, of that county. While public-spirited and generous, the major part of his attention has always been paid to his farm, and he has made a specialty of raising stock, of which all kinds of the finer grades are to be found on his place.

CHRISTIAN MICHEL, a farmer, lumber dealer and tile manufacturer, residing in Pleasant Township, Madison County, is a leading business man of this community. Since 1880, he has carried on business operations in this place, and has an excellent trade. He was born in Franklin County, Ohio, December 19, 1854, and is a son of Frederick and Mary (Layer) Michel. His father was a native of Germany, and emigrated to Pennsylvania with his parents when nine years of age. He there resided until after he had attained his majority, and married Miss Layer, who was born in the Keystone State, and was of German descent. For thirty-eight years, he engaged in blacksmithing, and also carried on farming. He and his wife are still residents of Rome, Franklin County, Ohio.

Our subject was reared on his father's farm, and acquired his education in the common schools. At the age of twelve, he began working in the smithy, and followed the blacksmith's trade for about ten years, but not liking the business, determined to abandon it. His next venture was in manufacturing tile at Spring Hill, Franklin County. He did not have much capital, but was aided by his father, and at the end of a year he removed his works to his present location. He purchased seventy acres of land, and put in a plant in 1880. He is now doing a good business, makes a good grade of tile, and finds a ready sale for his products. In 1884 he erected his sawmill, and has since engaged in the lumber business. He has also erected a fine brick residence upon his farm, valued at $3,000.

Mr. Michel was married March 31, 1880, to Miss Elizabeth Grenner, who was born in Alton, Franklin County, January 13, 1860. Their union has been blessed with four children, a son and three daughters: Christian, born April 3, 1881; Amelia, December 25, 1883; Louise, in December, 1884; and Sarah Frances, February 22, 1887. All were born in Pleasant Township, and the family circle yet remains unbroken.

Mr. Michel and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church. He is a great lover of music, possesses considerable talent in that direction, and formerly served as leader of the choir in his church. He cast his first Presidential vote for Samuel J. Tilden, and has since been a Democrat. Mr. Michel is a man of good business ability, enterprising and progressive, and well deserves the success which has crowned his efforts. He is also a public-spirited man, and takes an active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the community.

SCHUYLER LEWIS, deceased. The traveler passing through Madison County invariably pauses to notice the elegant residence and fine estate in Somerford Township formerly the property of the gentleman whose biographical sketch is here represented. The farm, which comprises two thousand acres of excellent land, is due entirely to the exertions of Mr. Lewis and his worthy companion, for when they commenced the battle of life together, they had no capital except that represented by vigorous health, energetic disposition, and a determination to succeed.

Our subject was born in Rensselaer County, N.Y., February 25, 1812, and was a lad of ten years when his father removed to Vermont. Mr. Lewis, when reaching mature years, was married in the Green Mountain State to Lydia Hazzard, and with her

came West to Madison County, this State, about 1835, locating in Somerford Township. Mrs. Lewis departed this life in 1864, and April 3, 1866, our subject was married to Eliza J. Candler, who was born in Clarke County January 23, 1844. She was the daughter of Jesse J. and Agnes (Dickason) Candler, natives of Virginia, whence they removed to Clarke County, and later to Madison County, this State, spending their last days in Somerford Township, the father dying January 13, 1871, and the mother surviving him until June 10, 1890. The parental family of Mrs. Lewis included seven children, of whom she was the youngest but one.

To our subject and his estimable wife has been born one son, Howard A. The husband and father died at his home in Somerford Township, August 3, 1887, and thus Madison County lost one of her most prominent and progressive citizens. Our subject left a vast estate of two thousand acres; the place is adorned with buildings of every description necessary on a first-class farm, not the least among which is the elegant residence. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Lewis has operated the farm in a most intelligent and profitable manner, and is very influential in her community, having those social qualities which prepossess people in her favor.

MAJ. THOMAS JEFFERSON STEPHENS, contracting painter and decorator, was originally from Lancaster County, Pa., born in Columbia on the 2d of January, 1831. His parents, James and Mary (Otstot) Stephens, were natives of Lancaster County, Pa., the former of English, and the latter of German descent. The father followed carpentering in his native town, and there resided until 1833, when the great emigration to the Buckeye State tempted him to make his home within its borders. He came overland with a four-horse wagon, located in Columbus, and there followed contracting and building until his death, in 1859. He was a Democrat in politics, and was Marshall of Columbus four terms. The mother died in 1888, when eighty-six years of age. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Eleven of their twelve children grew to mature years, and became respected and valued citizens. Three sons were in the Civil War, and served their country faithfully.

The subject of this notice was fifth in order of birth of the above-mentioned children. He was reared in Columbus, and received his scholastic training in the public schools of that city. He remembers seeing the canal built through Columbus, and his young eyes saw the first boat that sailed on its waters. When thirteen years of age, he worked two years for A. T. Stewart, a tailor, and at the age of fifteen he began clerking in James Westwater's queensware store, where he continued until seventeen years of age. From that time until eighteen years of age, he attended school, and in 1848 he was apprenticed to learn the painter's trade, remaining thus engaged until 1851. While in Columbus, he was in Company A, State Fencibles, organized July 4, 1855, and continued with this as Sergeant as long as he remained in the city, and is still a member. In 1851, he embarked in business for himself, contracting house painting for two years, and then went to Marietta, where he remained six months. From there he went to Pittsburg, and while there painted two boats, but later he returned to Marietta, and from there went to Columbus. In the spring of 1860, he located in Circleville, and was engaged as house painter until 1862, when he left his business and everything else to enter the army.

In August, of that year, he volunteered as a private in Company A, Ninetieth Ohio Infantry, and two days later was raised to the rank of Second Lieutenant, to form a company for service. He went to work, and in a very short time had a company, which was afterward in the One Hundredth and Fourteenth Ohio Infantry. In October, he was sent South to Chickasaw Bluffs, Ark., and to Young's Point, when he was taken sick and compelled to resign. He came home in the spring of 1863, formed a company there, and was made Captain of the Ohio State Militia. In 1864, he was ordered out by Gov. Brough in Company A, Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry, and was sent to

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West Virginia, where he guarded the trains through to Washington City, and then went to Norfolk, Va., where he remained until September, 1864. He was mustered out at Camp Dennison. He saw much lively service, and was in many severe skirmishes, but participated in no large battles. He enjoyed the best of health all through camp, and led his command at all times. He had a number of miraculous escapes, but was never injured. After the war, he was continued as Captain of the County National Guards, and later was commissioned Major of the Ohio National Guards, holding that position until he resigned.

Since the war, Maj. Stephens has followed his trade, and has finished some of the finest buildings in the city. He has also had considerable business all over the county, and is the oldest painter now here. He resides on High, near Court Street. He was married in Columbus, Ohio, November 3, 1853, to Miss Oledia Garner, a native of Columbus, and of the eight children born to this union, six are now living, namely: Charles; Mary, at home; Jennie, now Mrs. Moeller, of Circleville; Thomas B., who resides in Circleville; Joseph, painter and practical paper-hanger; and Edward, clerk in a grocery store. Maj. Stephens is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Columbus, also a member of the Knights of Pythias, and is a member of Groce Post No. 156, G. A. R., and is ex-Aide-de-Camp of the Post, and is a member of the Monumental Association. In politics, he is a true-blue Republican, and has been a delegate to conventions, etc. The Major is a member of the Methodist Church, and has been Trustee and Steward for fifteen years.

GEORGE F. JEWETT, M. D. The calling of a physician is one that brings into play as many of the powers of the mind and body as any in which man can engage. The constant strain upon the mental faculties and the nervous energy can scarcely be estimated by one outside a physician's family, and necessarily requires a strong constitution as a foundation. The city of West Jefferson is the home of a number of men who are exerting themselves as practitioners, and who are doing a grand work in alleviating suffering and saving life. One of those who has been thus occupied here since 1890 is Dr. Jewett, of whose life history we propose to give a brief outline, and whose portrait is noticed on the opposite page.

Dr. William H. Jewett, the father of our subject, was born in Franklin County, this State, October 2, 1831, and began the study of medicine in the office of Drs. Andrews & Johnson, of Worthington, this State, and later gained still further information in the science of medicine under the tutelage of Dr. Piney, of Dublin, Franklin County. Dr. Jewett then practiced for one year at Bell Point, and, on the outbreak of the Civil War, entered the Union service as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-first Ohio Regiment, for fourteen months. Returning home in 1864, he again entered upon the practice of his profession, this time in Hilliards, where he remained until 1872, when he took up his abode in Amity. After a successful practice there of eighteen years, he removed to Elmwood, Franklin County, where he is living retired from active work of any kind.

He of whom we write was the eldest son and second child in the parental family of ten children. He was born in Franklin County, March 17, 1857, and after obtaining a primary education in the common schools, entered the Ohio Central Normal School at Worthington, and later took a course in the State University of Ohio. Choosing the medical profession as his life work, our subject began the study of that science with his father at Amity, and was graduated in the Class of '82 from the Columbus Medical College. During the winter of 1885-86, he took a post-graduate course in New York City. He remained with his father twelve months after graduating, at the end of which time he located at Hilliards, where he resided for six years, and then came to West Jefferson, and has been engaged in active practice here since December, 1890. His ability and skill as a physician have been widely recognized, and in 1891 he was elected Professor of Physiology in the Columbus Medical College.

The lady to whom our subject was married,

April 29, 1885, was Ida M. Forshee, who was born in Brown Township, Madison County, April 28, 1860. To them have been granted a family of three children, namely: Una, Ethel and Gladys. Religiously, Dr. Jewett is an active member of the Christian Church, while his wife holds membership with the Baptist Church. In politics, he is a Prohibitionist, and has done much towards furthering the cause of temperance in his locality.

JOHN L. MILLIKIN, who is classed among the most prosperous farmers of Madison County, has a well-improved and well-stocked farm five and one-half miles north of West Jefferson in Canaan Township. Mr. Millikin is a Pennsylvanian by birth, born on Ten Mile Creek, Amwell Township, Washington County, August 18, 1842, the youngest child of John and Rachel (Bane) Millikin, of whom an account is given in the sketch of Robert Millikin. He was reared in his native place until he was fourteen years old, and obtained his first schooling there. At the age mentioned, he came to this county with his parents, and his education was completed in a district school in Canaan Township. He remained at home with his father and mother until he was thirty-one years old, affording his father valuable aid in carrying on his farm until he was twenty-one, and then engaging in agriculture on his own account.

'Soon after marriage, Mr. Millikin located one mile north of his present place of residence and farmed as a renter three years before he bought a farm. He lived for seven years on that farm, which was one mile north of his present homestead, and at the end of that time he purchased this. He has here one hundred and eleven acres, which are mostly under cultivation, and are well supplied with modern improvements. He devotes his time to mixed husbandry, and has his farm well stocked with horses, cattle, etc., of fine grades. Our subject is an open-hearted, fair-minded man, who is well liked by his neighbors and all who have dealings with him. He is upright and reliable, and his word is as good as his bond. In politics, he is a firm believer in the policy of the Democratic party and gives it his hearty support at the polls.

Our subject was married, March 27, 1873, to Miss Elizabeth M., daughter of Rowland and Almira (Hall) Thomas. Her father was a native of Wales and her mother of Franklin County, Ohio. She is still living and resides in Jefferson Township, and is aged sixty-one years. After the death of her first husband, before the birth of her daughter, Mrs. Millikin, who was the only child of that union, she married Nathan Bidwell, of Jefferson Township, by whom she had two children, John and Mary. Mrs. Millikin was born in Jefferson Township, November 28, 1850. Her pleasant wedded life with our subject has been blessed to them by the birth of three sons and one daughter, whom they have named respectively Charles R., Wyatt L., Marvin S. and Maud.

DAVID E. ROBISON is engaged in general farming and stock-raising on the Circleville road, about a mile from Mt. Sterling. He was born in Clarke County, Ohio, September 21, 1821, and is a son of John and Mary (Edmonson) Robison, the former a native of South Carolina and the latter of Tennessee. His parents removed to Clarke County just before his birth, and when he was a lad of seven years returned to Madison County and purchased the farm on which our subject now resides. It continued to be their home for sixty years.

The educational advantages which Mr. Robinson received were very limited, but by reading and observation he has become a well-informed man. He was reared upon the farm and was early inured to the labors connected with agriculture. He remained at home and aided his father in managing his property until his marriage, which was celebrated on New Year's Day, 1850, Miss Jane Carr becoming his wife. After that time, his father made his home with our subject until his death, in 1877. His mother had previously been called to her

final rest. Six children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Robison, all having been born and reared on the home farm: John, who was born in 1850, is married and with his wife and five children resides upon a farm in Pickaway County; Mrs. Caroline Whitlock is living in Pleasant Township and has seven children; Mrs. Mary Bennett, who resides in Pickaway County, has two children; Willis is married, and, with his wife and four children, makes his home upon a farm in Benton County, Ind.; Lincoln is married and resides with his family, which numbers two children, on his father's farm; Mrs. Sophronia Atkins is living in Fayette County and has three children.

Mr. Robison followed in the political footsteps of his father and has been a stalwart supporter of the Republican party. He has served efficiently as Township Trustee for about twelve years, and by his faithful performance of duty has won the commendation of all. He, however, has never been an office-seeker, preferring to devote his time and attention to his business interests. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church and are people of sterling worth. Mr. Robison had less than one hundred acres of land given him by his father, and with this as a nucleus has constantly added to it and now owns over five hundred acres of valuable land. He is one of the substantial citizens of the community and a leading farmer and stock-raiser.

GEORGE H. FLOWERS, residing at No. 214 Columbus Avenue, Washington C. H., is junior member of the firm of Flowers & Tobin, confectioners and bakers, at No. 212 East Court Street, who conduct a very profitable business in their line. Our subject was born in the town of Ewing, Hocking County, October 28, 1853, and is a son of Jacob Flowers, who was born and reared in Pennsylvania. He in turn was a son of Henry Flowers, who was a native of Germany, but came to this country and settled in Pennsylvania.

Jacob Flowers was a man of good standing in his community and was a consistent member of the Catholic Church. In politics, he sympathized with the Democrats. He was one of the early settlers of Hocking County, locating in the forests and clearing a farm. He sold that property, and, removing to Ewing, engaged in the dry-goods and grocery business, continuing in that until his wife died. He then sold his store and stock and removed to Champaign County, Ill., where he bought a farm. He lived there two years, when his father, who had resided in Perry County, was taken ill, and he went to see him, was suddenly attacked by illness himself and died, while his father lived five years longer, dying in his ninety-ninth year, lacking but four months of rounding out a century of life.

Jacob Flowers married Mary Bronstetter, who was a native of Germany and was brought to this country when she was five years old. They had a family of ten children, of whom five grew to maturity and are still living: Henry, a farmer in Illinois; Thomas, also a resident of Champaign County, that State; Albert, who is in the gardening business in Bloomington, Ill.; Eli, a resident of Washington C. H., and our subject, who is the youngest of the family.

George H. Flowers was educated in the public schools of Illinois, whither he went with his father when a small boy. He was left an orphan at an early age, his mother dying when he was seven years old, and his father when he was ten years of age. After he had completed his education, he learned the trade of a baker at Mahomet, Ill., and worked at it in that place four years. Returning then to his native State, he engaged in the bakery business at Sabina nine years. From there he came to Washington C. H. and established himself in business as baker and confectioner, in partnership with his brother Eli, under the firm name of Flowers Bros. They were together six years and then our subject bought his brother's share in the business and ran the store alone for two years. At the expiration of that time, he took Mr. Tobin into partnership and they have since been together under the firm name of Flowers & Tobin. They have a nicely fitted up establishment, in which everything is to be found that is sold in a first-class bakery and confectionery store and they carry a full line of cigars and tobacco. In connection with their bakery, they have a lunch counter and

they do a large business in the sale of ice cream, etc., besides having tastefully furnished and attractive parlors for parties and banquets and like gatherings.

Our subject was married in August, 1877, to Miss Emma Tobin, a daughter of Henry C. Tobin, a pioneer farmer of Fayette County, who is still living in Paint Township. Mr. and Mrs. Flowers are very pleasantly situated in a home where comfort, cheerfulness and true hospitality abound. Their marriage has been blessed to them by the birth of five children, as follows: Violet, fourteen years old; Roy, twelve years old; Clarence, ten years old the 12th of March, 1892; Asa, who was six years old March 8, 1892, and Albert, who was three years old November 25, 1891. Mr. Flowers remains a steadfast adherent of the religion of his fathers, and the Catholic Church finds in him a valued member and a generous contributor to its expenses. Politically, he is a solid Democrat. Socially, his relations are with the United Order of Red Men.

ANDREW REID. No matter in what business a man may engage, if he is industrious and fair in his dealings with his fellowmen, he is sure, sooner or later, to win confidence, respect and liking, and to become in time well-to-do in worldly goods. Mr. Reid possesses these qualities, and as a consequence stands remarkably high in the estimation of all who know him.

He was born in Madison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, April 16, 1831, and is a son of Robert and Elizabeth Reid, the father a native of the Emerald Isle, and the mother of Virginia. The elder Reid left the land of his birth and emigrated to America when a young man. After reaching this country, he made his way to the fertile regions of Ohio, and settled in Pickaway County, Madison Township, where, like the average pioneer, he began housekeeping in a log cabin in a thickly timbered region. To his marriage were born nine children, of whom six are now living: John in Missouri; George in Madison Township, this county; James in Illinois; Andrew and Robert in Harrison Township, Pickaway County, and Nelson in Illinois. The father of these children was one of the honest, large-hearted men of the county, and was prominently identified with its growth and development. He held the office of Justice of the Peace for some time and discharged the duties incumbent on this office in a very satisfactory manner.

Our subject became thoroughly familiar with pioneer life in boyhood, and assisted his father in clearing the farm of the heavy timber with which it was covered. Hard work was his portion in early life, and has been for the most part ever since, although he is so comfortably fixed at the present time that hard work is no longer necessary. Like other pioneer children, he was educated in a log schoolhouse, very different from the fine structures of to-day, and in this he was taught "readin', ritin' and 'rithmetic," the three R's. Although his advantages for receiving an education were not of the best, he has improved his time since and is now a well-posted man on all the current topics of the day. He is a very extensive reader and is intelligent and progressive.

As his future companion in life, he selected Miss Mary A. England, who was born on the 6th of June, 1837, and their marriage was solemnized on the 20th of April, 1854. Her parents were John and Hannah (Fate) England. The four children born to our subject and wife are as follows: James M., Francis M.; Hannah E., wife of James M. Schamerhorn, and Sarah S.

For many years Mr. Reid has been a resident of Harrison Township, Pickaway County, Ohio, and has lived on his present farm since 1881. He owns eighty acres of land and is a self-made man in every sense of the term. For four years he served as Trustee of Harrison Township and discharged the duties of that office in a capable and efficient manner. In politics, he is a Democrat.

Mrs. Reid's father was a native of Maryland and her mother of Perry County, Ohio. About 1853, they moved to Hocking County, Ohio, and later to Pickaway County, of that State, settling in Madison Township. The father subsequently

died in Franklin County, Ohio, January, 1892, and was then in his ninety-second year. The mother passed away in Pickaway County, Ohio, about 1873. Mr. England had been twice married, and of his children the following survive: Isaac; Catherine, wife of James Shannon; Mrs. Reid; Harriet, Mrs. Northington, a widow; William, Wesley, David, and Samantha, wife of Robert Smith. Mr. England was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also his wife, and both were well known throughout the county as honored and respected citizens.

DR. EDGAR F. COLLINS, a practicing physician and surgeon of Mt. Sterling, is a native of this State. He was born in Highland County, August 29, 1850, and is a son of George W. Collins, a native of Maryland. He was a carpenter by trade, and when our subject was about two years old removed to Clinton County, Ind. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Patton, was a native of Paris, Ky., and her father held an office under President Jackson. She was a relative of the Todds and Edgars, of that State, being a second cousin of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Collins spent two years in Clinton County, Ind., and then returned to South Salem, Ross County, where the father died in 1858. The mother was left with nothing but a little home and two acres of land, but she managed to keep her family together and provide for their support.

Our subject was the third of four children. He was only seven years of age when his father died, and in 1861, at the age of eleven, he began carrying the mail between South Salem and Lyndon Station, making daily trips on foot. That work he continued for six years and at the same time attended South Salem Academy. After four years spent at that school, he began teaching, which profession he followed for nine years, and worked on a farm during the harvest season. He began reading medicine under Dr. A. J. Strain, of London, Ohio. At the age of twenty-five, he entered the Doctor's office, where he continued his studies for a year and a half. He then entered the Starling Medical College of Columbus, where he took a course of lectures, and then secured a position as attendant in an insane asylum, where at the same time he continued his studies. After completing the course, he was graduated, in the spring of 1879, and located in Stark County, Ohio, where he engaged in practice for three years.

During that period, Dr. Collins was married, June 15, 1882, to Miss Edith Baker, of London, who was born in that place, and is a daughter of Nelson and Elizabeth (Starks) Baker. Two children have been born unto them: Inez, who was born in Mt. Sterling, March 15, 1887; and Todd, born July 2, 1891.

The Doctor continued to practice in Minerva, Stark County, until the fall of 1883, and met with excellent success, but his wife's health failed and he removed to Newport, Madison County, where he spent a year and a half. He then came to Mt. Sterling, where he has resided since 1885. He now has a good practice and his patronage is constantly increasing. He is a member of the Madison County Medical Society and ranks high among his professional brethren. In politics, he is a Republican, and in former years took an active part in political affairs, but owing to his increased practice does not now have the time to devote to it. He served as Township Clerk while living in Newport and is Health Officer in Mt. Sterling. He is still a student of his profession, and is a well-informed man.

ED E. COCKERILL. This gentleman, who started out in life without money or influence, has by the exercise of fine executive ability succeeded in accumulating a comfortable competency. He is universally known throughout this vicinity as a progressive and wide-awake farmer, who is at present residing in Perry Township, Fayette County.

Our subject is the third son of Thomas G. and Sylvitha (Cochran) Cockerill, residents of the above-named township. He was born January 22, 1837, in this township and is, therefore, greatly in-

terested in all measures that pertain to its welfare. He was reared on his father's farm and, like other pioneer youths, attended the school of his district. On starting out in life for himself, which he did at the age of twenty-one, Mr. Cockerill chose the occupation of a farmer, of which calling he has made so signal a success.

October 11, 1859, Miss Herrissa, daughter of George Bincgar, became the wife of our subject. Mr. Bincgar, who is now deceased, was one of the early settlers in Perry Township, where he was held in high esteem. Mrs. Cockerill was born in 1841, and by her union with our subject have been born eleven children, nine of whom are living. Their names are as follows: Dennis C., Eldridge C., both deceased; Minnie A., Albert G., Carrie P., Orville P., Melvin L., Mary Almedia, Harry G., Rellie, and Willard. Minnie A. married Eugene Horney, lives in Dayton and has three children; Albert G. is married to Miss Naomi Marks, has two children and lives near the old homestead. Mr. Cockerill rented a farm until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in defense of his country's honor, and joined Company I, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio National Guards, and was mustered into service at Camp Dennison. With his company he was sent to Cynthiana, Ky., where they were captured by Gen. Morgan's force. Being paroled the succeeding day, the company was sent to Cincinnati and thence home. Mr. Cockerill, however, did guard duty at Lytle Barracks until the expiration of his term of enlistment, receiving his honorable discharge in September, 1864.

On returning from the army, our subject was engaged on his father's farm until 1865, when he removed to Madison County, Iowa. After a stay there of eighteen months, he settled on a farm in Benton County, Mo., remaining there for a period of eight years, when he again returned to Fayette County. Mr. Cockerill purchased his present place in 1881; it comprises one hundred and fifty-six acres, upon which he has placed the best of improvements. He carries on general farming and by a proper rotation of crops reaps a handsome income.

Mr. and Mrs. Cockerill are united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which society they are active workers, our subject being Superintendent of the Sunday-school. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Martinsburgh, and has filled all the Chairs of that body. The Republican party claims him as one of its influential members as he always casts his vote in favor of its candidates. He has been Trustee of Perry Township and at the present time (1892) is a candidate for County Commissioner. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cockerill are greatly esteemed in their community as honest, upright people, and we are pleased to be able to here present their sketch.

J. F. SCHLEYER, coal dealer, Circleville, Ohio. Circleville and vicinity are conspicuous for the Germans, who predominate, and their superior methods in business are evident in the success they have achieved. Our subject is one of the large number of that nationality who have become prominent in their different callings, and he is now one of the substantial and successful coal dealers in Circleville.

He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, on the 16th of May, 1822, and his father, George Schleyer, was also a native of the Fatherland, born in 1798. Grandfather Casper Schleyer was born in Germany, and was a contractor of stone work on the pikes. He died in his native country. The father of our subject was also a contractor of stone work until the last years of his life, when he was engaged in farming. On the 1st of May, 1831, he left his native land for America, taking passage with his wife and two children from Havre, France, in a sailing-vessel, and was sixty-six days on the ocean. They landed in New York city, and from there went to Liverpool, Medina County, Ohio, and remained there until the spring of 1832, when they located in Chillicothe, Ohio. There the father resided until his death in 1865. He was a Lutheran in his religious views, and a Whig in politics. His wife, whose name was formerly Rosena Gunther, was born in Germany, and was

the daughter of Matthew Gunther, who was a weaver by trade, and who died in his native country, Germany. The mother of our subject received her final summons in Chillicothe. Of the nine children born to this couple, only four are now living. One son, Charles, was in an Ohio regiment as Captain of his company during the Civil War, and served until the close of hostilities. He then located at Sabina, Clinton County, Ohio, and was killed by lightning.

J. F. Schleyer, the eldest of the above-mentioned children, attended the schools of his native country from the age of six years until he came with his parents to America. He attended school very little after reaching the States, for his parents were poor and he was obliged to assist in getting a livelihood. He first engaged in sawing wood, and afterwards worked at different occupations until seventeen years of age. At the last-mentioned age, he began learning the moulder's trade, and served an apprenticeship of three years with a Mr. Collins. He afterwards worked for this gentleman for one year, and then was with West & Collins for five years. Subsequently, he was head workman for Mr. Welch, remained with that gentleman ten years, and during that time cast thousands of mouldings.

In 1859, he bought a farm in Ross County, Ohio, and after tilling the soil for four years, concluded to move where his children could have better educational facilities. In 1863, he located in Circleville, and, in partnership with Peter Schneider, started the wood and coal business in this place. In this he has been very successful, and is now the owner of considerable property in the city. He continued in partnership with Mr. Schneider for six years, when he bought his partner out, and then built a brick grocery store at the corner of Canal and Mounds Streets. This he conducted under the title of J. F. Schleyer & Son, his son William being in partnership with him, for about five years. He is one of the steady, industrious, business men of the city, and the oldest coal dealer in business here. His coal yards cover two blocks.

Our subject was married in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1844, to Miss Margaret Schneider, a native of Darmstadt, Germany, who came to America with her parents in 1840, and settled with them in Chillicothe, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Schleyer are the parents of five children, who are in the order of their birth as follows: William resides in Columbus, a real-estate man and ex-County Sheriff; Henry, a tinner by trade, resides in Circleville, and is in the coal business with his father; John, Prosecuting Attorney; Fred, clerk in a dry-goods store; and Gustavus A., Assistant Cashier in the Second National Bank. For years Mr. Schleyer has been a member of the Lutheran Church, assisted in building the church in this city, and is at the present time one of the Trustees. In politics, he is a Democrat.

JOHN A. SIMMERMAN, a prominent merchant of South Solon, was born in Stokes Township, January 18, 1853. He is a son of Alexander and Sarah (Moon) Simmerman, the father, who was a farmer, still residing in Stokes Township, this county. John A. grew to manhood on the old homestead, and received a fair education in the schools of his district. When choosing an occupation for himself, he learned the carpenter's trade, serving an apprenticeship of four years. He received seventy-five cents a day as wages for his first six months' work, which was then raised to $1 a day, and the last year to $2.50.

At the expiration of the four years above mentioned, Mr. Simmerman engaged to clerk for a Mr. Hayes in a general store at South Solon. Remaining with him but a short time, however, he opened up a small stock of goods in partnership with his father, the connection lasting until 1879, when our subject purchased the entire business, which he has managed successfully since that time. He is the proprietor of a store, which is stocked with a full supply of general merchandise, and in addition to that property owns a comfortable residence in the city.

November 10, 1877, our subject and Miss Kate Shingledecker, of Cincinnati, were united in marriage. Mrs. Simmerman was born March 27, 1853,

and was the daughter of Isaac and Mary (Brown) Shingledecker, both of whom are now deceased. To our subject and his wife have been born one child, Gail, who was born in South Solon, September 15, 1878. In his political relations, our subject cast his first Presidential vote for Samuel J, Tilden. Although not a politician, he has represented his party as a delegate to various State and congressional conventions. Socially, he is an Odd Fellow, and in all points is looked upon as one of the prominent and progressive citizens of the county.

GEORGE WOOD. One of the most pleasant homes for miles around is that which is to be found in Deer Creek Township, Pickaway County, a view of which is shown elsewhere in this volume. It is tastily furnished, and its inmates are surrounded by every refinement and comfort which their culture enables them to enjoy. The landed estate of Mr. Wood comprises about fifteen hundred acres of highly cultivated land, upon which may be found the embellishments of all first-class farms, and such improvements as indicate the owner to be a man of energy of character and perseverence.

Born in Franklin County, Ohio, Mr. Wood is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Ramsey) Wood, natives of the Old Dominion. The father served in the War of 1812, being a noted scout and spy, well known for his skill and daring, and his unerring marksmanship with the rifle. About the beginning of the present century, he removed to Kentucky, and some years later came to Ohio. He and his good wife became the parents of five children, of whom the only survivors are Lewis C., who resides in Colorado; and George, who was the third in order of birth.

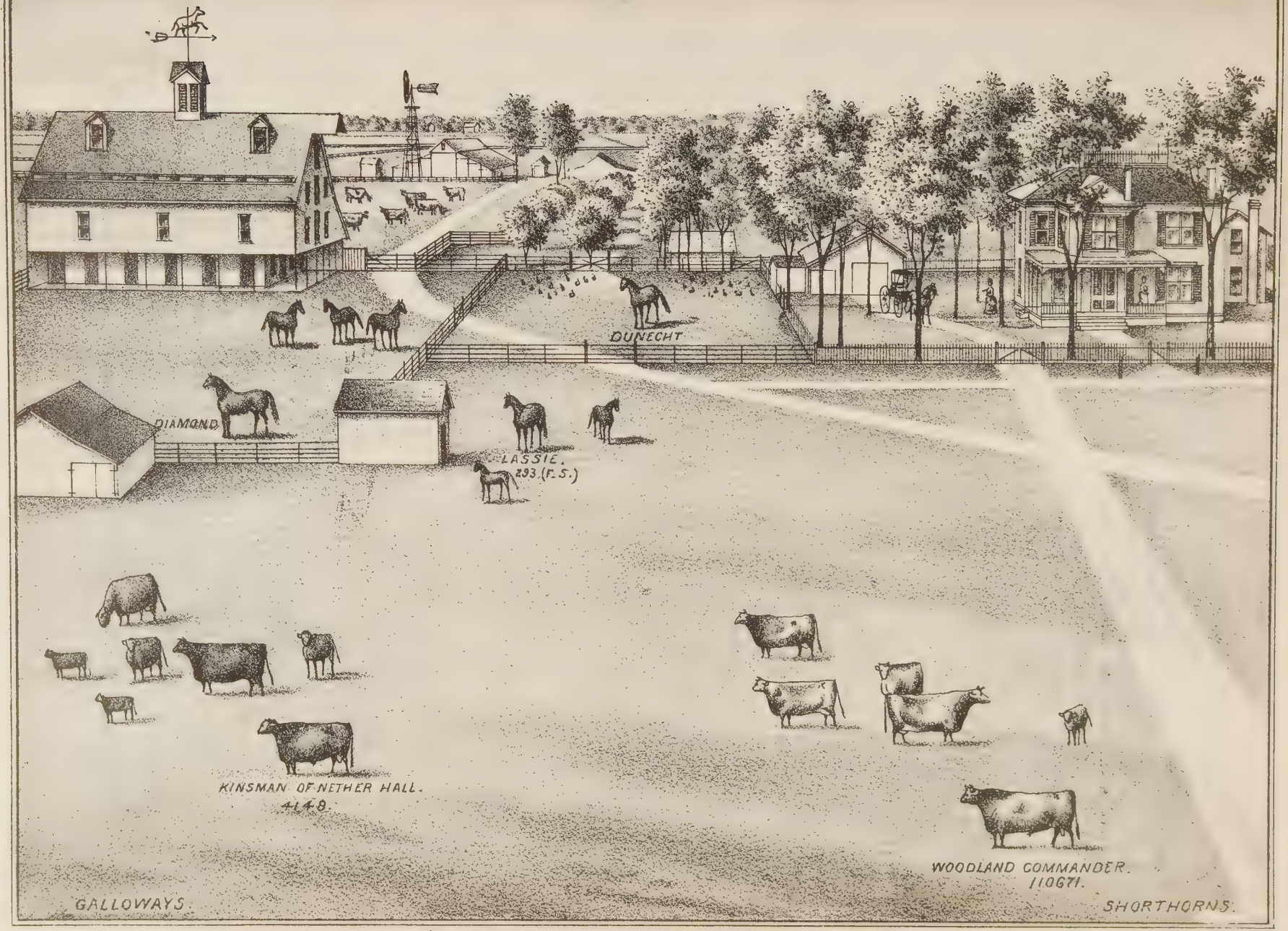
When but a child, our subject was orphaned by the death of his parents, after which he was adopted by a bachelor uncle, George Wood, with whom he remained at Chillicothe, Ohio, until he attained his majority. In the year 1840, he accepted the position of clerk in a dry-goods establishment at Chillicothe, and remained for four years thus engaged. At the expiration of this time, he came to Pickaway County, and embarked in the cattle business and general farming.

April 8, 1852, Mr. Wood was united in marriage with Miss Hannah I., daughter of Hezekiah Ingham, a native of Bucks County, Pa. They became the parents of six children, only two of whom are living, William I., and Mary M. The political belief of Mr. Wood accords with the principles of the Democratic party, to which he adheres. In his religious convictions, he is in sympathy with the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, and is a man of genial and kindly nature, ever willing to extend his assistance to measures of public interest or private charity.

Prior to his retirement from active farming operations, Mr. Wood was one of the most progressive agriculturists, as well as the most extensive stock-raiser, in Pickaway County. Some years since, he retired from business, and his son, William I., has entire supervision of the estate with all its interests. However, he still finds sufficient to occupy his attention, in the varied enterprises in which he is concerned. His geniality has won him a large circle of friends, and he maintains the respect of all his fellow-citizens.

ISAAC F. BARGER. The agriculturists of Greene Township, Fayette County, have among their number many whose intelligence, activity and enterprise are a credit alike to themselves and the county in which they make their home. These help to give Fayette County a standing for productiveness and business ability which enriches every farmer within its bounds.

Mr. Barger, who resides on section 3,984 of the above-named township, is the son of John Barger, who was born September 10, 1810, a native of this county. His grandfather, Philip Barger, was of German descent, emigrating to this county at an early day from Virginia, settling in Ohio in 1785, long before that then Territory was admitted into the Union. The maiden name of our subject's



"WOODLAND STOCK FARM." RES. OF GEORGE WOOD, DEER CREEK TP., PICKAWAY CO., OHIO.

mother was Elizabeth Pavey, a native of Kentucky, and the daughter of Isaac Pavey, who hailed from the Old Dominion. Her father, after residing for a time in Kentucky, came to Highland County, this State, some time in 1790. He was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and established a place of worship at Pleasant Hill. He met his death by being thrown from a horse many years ago. Miss Elizabeth Pavey was born December 24, 1799, and met and married the father of our subject in Highland County, this State, the ceremony being performed July 4, 1832.

The parents of our subject soon after their marriage located upon the tract which is the present home of Isaac F., and where the father erected a log shanty, 12x14 feet in dimensions, and set about industriously the work of clearing and improving his purchase. Here they passed their last days, Mr. Barger dying May 28, 1877, being killed by a team of horses, and his good wife March 18, 1879. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are deceased with the exception of him of whom we write. The elder Mr. Barger left an estate at his death of seven hundred acres, almost all of which was under cultivation. They were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which denomination the father held the position of Class-leader for many years. He was very prominent in agricultural circles, where his word was considered as good as his bond.

The original of this sketch was born September 18, 1840, on the farm where he is residing at the present time. His primary studies were conducted in the common schools of that period, and were later supplemented by an attendance at Oberlin College and at Greenfield, this State. He remained under the parental roof until attaining his twenty-fourth year, when he was married, October 25, 1864, to Isabel A., daughter of Samuel and Rosana (Willthong) Pavey, the father a native of Highland County, and the mother of Ross County, this State. Her grandparents on the paternal side were Jesse and Sallie (Stafford) Pavey, the former having been born January 14, 1814. The parents of Mrs. Barger were married in 1833, soon after which event they located in Highland County, where the father was a well-to-do farmer. He passed from this life in 1859, his good wife surviving him many years, dying May 3, 1879.

Mrs. Barger was born January 2, 1846, in Highland County, where she was given a good education in the common schools. After her marriage with our subject, they made their home for a time on the old homestead of John Barger. Later, however, our subject's father presented him with a farm valued at $7,000, and upon the death of the latter he came into possession of the home farm. His landed estate now comprises nine hundred and sixty-nine acres, which bear all the latest improvements in the way of buildings and machinery. His present handsome residence was erected in 1880, at a cost of $7,500, and is the finest in the township. His elegant barn, 48x70 feet in dimensions, was built in 1887, and is supplied with all modern conveniences in the way of providing for his stock. His granary is 32x24 feet in size, and a barn which shelters twelve cows is 24x34 feet. His estate is thoroughly drained, having seventeen miles of tiling, one-third of which our subject caused to be laid. He carries on general farming, giving considerable attention to raising fine breeds of hogs and cattle, of which he has some fine specimens.

Mr. and Mrs. Barger have been granted a family of four children: John W., born March 6, 1868, married Ida Kratzer, and resides in Leesburgh, being Assistant Cashier of the Leesburgh Bank; Harry Q. was born December 18, 1871; Leroy T., June 7, 1880, and Elizabeth Chloe, September 6, 1882. They are all being given good educations. Harry Q. attended the Portsmouth Military School for six months, and is now a student of the Ohio Wesleyan University. Mr. and Mrs. Barger are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which society our subject has been an active worker, serving in the capacity of Trustee, Steward and Class-leader. At the present time, he is Superintendent of the Sunday-school where his son John W. is Secretary and his wife a teacher. The latter is connected with the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Society, and is a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. He of whom we write has served on the School Board of

his district, and in politics votes the Prohibition ticket. He has been Township Trustee and was elected Justice of the Peace, but refused to qualify. The family have an extended circle of acquaintances in this section, where they are admired for their intelligence and uprightness of life.

HON. NELSON J. TURNEY was one of the most prominent citizens that Pickaway County has ever known. The part which he has played in its development well entitles him to honorable mention in its history. He was born in Circleville, November 7, 1820, and died at his home in this city, March 4, 1883. He is a direct descendant of Daniel Turney, a French Huguenot, who, with his brothers, Peter and Adam, was driven from France in the latter part of the seventeenth century by papal persecution. They landed in Philadelphia in 1668. Henry Turney, son of David, was the grandfather of our subject. He removed to Shepherdstown, Jefferson County, Va., where he married Miss Embly, of German descent. They had six children, all of whom died young, with the exception of Daniel, father of Nelson, who was born in Shepherdstown August 15, 1786. The father, Henry, removed to Chillicothe, Ohio, about 1800, and followed the occupation of a potter. His death occurred in 1812.

Dr. Daniel Turney was graduated from the Medical College of Philadelphia and began the practice of his profession in Jefferson, Ohio, in 1806. He was married, November 5, 1816, to Jane Sirling, daughter of Gen. James Denny. They had four children, Henry, Nelson, Isabella and Samuel, all now deceased. Gen. Denny was one of the most prominent pioneers of the Northwestern Territory. He was born in Chester County, Pa., September 11, 1767, and was in the War of 1812. He was married to Isabel Barr, of Wheeling, W. Va., in 1797, and in a keel boat removed to Marietta, Ohio, long before the era of steam navigation. In Marietta, his daughter, Mrs. Turney, was born April 11, 1798. Gen. Denny moved to Chillicothe in 1799 and came to Pickaway County in 1807. He was a Government Surveyor and owned the Fredonia newspaper, the first newspaper published in Pickaway County. In 1813, he was Clerk of the Courts of this county. He entered the United States' service in the war with Great Britain as Major and rose to the rank of Major-General. He died in Philadelphia November 23, 1815. Few men of his time filled a more honorable position in Ohio than did Gen. Denny.

The Huguenot emigrants to America contributed more, in proportion to their number, to the culture and prosperity of their adopted country than any other nation, and of his ancestry Mr. Turney of this sketch may well be proud. No less than three of the seven Presidents of the Philadelphia Convention during the Revolutionary War were of Huguenot parentage. The members of the Turney family became prominent in their various lines of business. Dr. Turney showed the superiority of the race in the skill, intelligence and energy with which he practiced his profession. He was a Surgeon in the War of 1812 and rapidly attained eminence. His distinguishing characteristics were firmness and courage, qualifications indispensable to the successful surgeon. To these he added remarkable energy and great love for his profession, and his skill and ability were widely recognized. He won a foremost rank among his professional brethren of the State, and his death, in 1827, was considered an irreparable loss to the community as well as to his family, which consisted of wife and four children, the eldest of whom was only ten years of age at the time of the father's death. One son, Dr. Samuel D., who died in 1878, was an eminent man in his profession and served with distinction as a Surgeon and Medical Director during the Rebellion, being breveted for his meritorious conduct. He was also Surgeon General of Ohio under Gov. Hayes, and was a prominent and popular member of the faculty of Columbus Medical College.

Nelson J. Turney, whose name heads this sketch, was educated in the public schools and in Dr. Washburn's Academy in Franklin County. He was thrown upon his own resources when fifteen years of age and was employed as clerk in the Columbus postoffice under Belah Latham, an intimate friend

of his father, and the father of the Hon. Milton S. Latham, a millionaire in California. In 1837, he entered the house of Fay Kilbourne & Co., of Columbus, where he remained until 1840, when, with his mother and her family, he returned to his native town. He was employed by H. & W. Bell until appointed by the Board of Public Works as Collector of Tolls for the Ohio & Erie Canal at Circleville, holding the position until superseded at the time of a change in the political administration of this country. In 1843, he entered the employ of the celebrated firm of Neil, Moore & Co., the extensive and widely-known stage-coach proprietors. That was the day of stages. The coach wheeled through the village streets, its bugle awakening the echoes of the night, causing the inhabitants to start forth with more interest than a railway train ever occasions. While Mr. Turney was in the employ of the stage company, a difficulty occurred with a Missouri company and he was forthwith dispatched to Missouri with a full equipment of coaches and horses to run an opposition line in that State and bring the Western company to a realizing sense of their temerity in assuming to run counter to the will of the more powerful Ohio corporation. This prompt action of the Ohio company brought the Missouri company to terms when Mr. Turney had only reached Indianapolis, and he was at once ordered North with his outfit and distributed the horses and coaches along the Lake shore between Sandusky and Detroit. He established headquarters in Toledo and remained in charge until the spring of 1844, when he returned to Columbus. The following year, he removed to Philadelphia and spent about a year in the wholesale dry-goods house of Miller, Cooper & Co., after which he returned to the Buckeye State.

About that time, Mr. Turney married Miss Dorothy, daughter of George Renick, of Chillicothe. He embarked in the mercantile business on his own account in Circleville and afterward sold out and went to Chillicothe. In 1850, he was again in Pickaway County and engaged in farming and stock-raising on an extensive scale. Twenty years after, with the intention of retiring from business, he sold his farm and removed to Circleville and there built a beautiful and commodious residence, which is still the home of his widow. He took a deep interest in agriculture for many years and tried to secure a higher standard of excellence in farm management. He was an active member of the County Agricultural, Society from its organization and served for many years as its President. He was a prominent member of the State Board of Agriculture from 1862 until 1870, and was President of the Board from 1862 until 1863. He was much interested in the turnpike system and built the Circleville Pike to Darbyville. He was Superintendent of the building of the Masonic Temple and was Chairman of the committee on arrangements on the occasion of its dedication, June 2, 1879, an event long to be remembered.

Few citizens of Ohio received a higher degree of respect and confidence than Mr. Turney. He ever discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity. He was appointed a member of the military committee of his county by the Governor in 1864, and performed his work in the most devoted and self-sacrificing way. He was active in providing for and raising and equipping troops, and otherwise aided in sustaining the State in the dark days of the Civil War. He never received any compensation for his public services, but did all for the love of the cause. In 1859 he declined a nomination for the Legislature. In 1868, he was the Republican candidate for Congress, but the Democratic majority was too great to be overcome. In 1872, he was a delegate to the Republican national convention in Philadelphia, which nominated Gen. Grant for a second term. In 1871, he was selected by the Secretary of the Interior to go as a special agent to investigate the business of the Indian agencies of the Upper Missouri River. In the fall of the same year, in company with the Hon. B. R. Cowan, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Col. J. J. Woods, of Kansas, he appraised the Cherokee lands in the Indian Territory. The following year, he visited Sitting Bull's tribe, and, after three months spent in Montana among the savages, without an escort or protection, he led away three thousand of Sitting Bull's warriors and brought about thirty of the most influential of his chiefs to Washington, D. C. He did other service in this line, all of which was most ably performed. In

1871, Mr. Turney was appointed by President Grant a member of the celebrated Brotherhood of Indian Commissioners, composed of men noted for their philanthropy, and did much to aid in the reform in the Indian service. He continued a member of the board until failing health compelled him to retire in 1875.

Mr. Turney was appointed by Gov. Hayes as Trustee of the Cincinnati Asylum for the Insane. On account of his well-recognized business capacity and integrity, he was chosen assignee in the bankruptcy of Lemuel Steele's estate, one of the largest in the Scioto Valley. Unassuming in manner, he was undemonstrative in the expression of his opinions, but none the less firm in his convictions and unswerving in their support and advocacy. He was brave and generous to a fault, and was not bigoted or puritanical in his creed. No one doubted his integrity, and the sobriquet of "Old Honesty," which was conferred upon him by his associate members in the State Board of Agriculture, was well deserved. In his life were made evident the best traits of his Huguenot ancestry. Honors were conferred upon him because of his worth, and he became prominent because his ability entitled him to high rank.

REV. J. P. A. DICKEY. Although born in the neighboring county of Ross, Mr. Dickey has spent the greater portion of his active life in Fayette County, and since May, 1888, has resided in Washington C. H. For thirty-five years or more, he has been closely identified with the history of the county, and doubtless no citizen has accomplished larger results in the way of advancing the religious and moral status of his community. During almost the entire period of his residence in this county, he has served as Justice of the Peace, and has also occupied other positions of trust and responsibility.

In 1867, Mr. Dickey was licensed to preach in the Presbyterian Church, since which time he has filled different charges, among them the pastorates at Bainbridge, Wilkesville, McArthur and Hamden, and at present is the minister in the last-named church. Through careful study, he has become well versed in Biblical lore and his deep earnestness and broad knowledge admirably qualify him for the laborious work of a preacher. Prior to his removal to Washington C. H., he made his home in Bloomingburgh, and still owns property in that village and a farm four miles distant.

Born May 4, 1828, our subject is the son of Alexander and Jane (Henry) Dickey, natives of South Carolina. Removing from their native State, they resided for a time in Tennessee, thence removed to Kentucky, whence, after a short sojourn, they came to Ohio. Grandfather Dickey was the owner of a large plantation in South Carolina, which Lord Cornwallis used for a camp during the Revolution. Our subject gained the rudiments of his education in the district schools of Ross County, and later attended Salem Academy. His schooling finished, he commenced to farm, and removing to the northern part of Fayette County in 1857, followed agricultural pursuits.

July 31, 1852, Mr. Dickey was married to Miss Hannah C., daughter of Col. Peterson, of Frankfort, Ross County, and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: Edith Eliza, who died in Delaware November 6, 1882, and Hattie May, who died in Delaware, November 26, 1882; Elizabeth J., whose death occurred August 23, 1878; one who died in infancy; Martin Luther, who is a farmer residing on the farm in the northern part of the county; Lieut.-Col. J. L., of West Point, Aide-de-Camp to the Governor of Iowa, and now Professor of Tactics in Griswold (Iowa) College; and Nellie J., wife of Charles Sturgeon, of Washington C. H. The two daughters, Edith and Hattie, were lovely young ladies and were students in college at Delaware, Edith having almost finished the classical course of the Class of '83, when they were stricken with typhoid fever and died within twenty days of each other. Hattie was of the Class of '85.

Mr. Dickey is a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted August 15, 1862, in Company D, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Infantry. With the Thirteenth Army Corps, he marched to the South, took an active part in the siege of Vicks-

burgh, and was discharged at Young's Point, in 1863, on account of general disability. He then resumed farming operations, but soon entered the mercantile business, which he continued until he was licensed to preach. It has ever been his aim to help his neighbors and friends with good counsel and substantial assistance, when it was possible, and it is safe to say that he is highly esteemed by everyone with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

The following article from the *Presbyterian Banner* will be of interest to our readers:

A ROMANTIC CAREER.

One of the most interesting men in Washington C. H. is Rev. J. P. A. Dickey, J. P., supply of the Hamden Presbyterian Church of Vinton County, and who is called by his brethren in the Presbytery "The Bishop of Vinton County." The story of his life, as I heard it from his own lips, is decidedly unique in the ministerial annals of Presbyterianism. He is of South Carolina ancestry, and carries in his pocket a silver half-dollar whose date reminds him of the year of his birth, 1828. He says his father was very poor, and could only give him a long name, John Parsons Alexander, and as he has been a Justice of the Peace for thirty-five years, he has fairly purchased the degree, J. P., which he adds to his name. He became a member of the Presbyterian Church at the age of twelve years. He always wanted to preach, and used to stand on the fence back of the smokehouse and preach to the sheep, which, he says, used to listen with as much interest and attention as the people do now.

Brother Dickey took his academic education at Salem Academy, but never went to college or a theological seminary. He says he is "a self-made man, and a little proud of the job." He served in the army during the Rebellion, and at its close was ordained to the ministry. His first field of service was in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Bainbridge, Ohio, for one year. He next supplied the Piketon Presbyterian Church, in connection with Waverly, where he built a church. After six months' service in the field, he supplied the church at Mt. Sterling a few months. Thence he went to Carthage, Athens County, where he was one year, then to Wilkesville, where he built another church. He remained here as supply for five years, and then went to Hamden, where he has now been four years. He also supplied McArthur for six months, where he also built a church. He has occasionally had a little help from the Board of Home Missions, but for the most part has chiefly supported himself. He is highly respected by the whole community, is heard with pleasure in the Washington C. H. pulpits, and "dispenses justice" fully as much to the satisfaction of the people as did John Calvin himself, to whose picture 'Squire Dickey bears a striking resemblance. He does not wield the sword in vain, and is "a terror to evil-doers." 'Squire Dickey has never been to the General Assembly, because, he says, "the brethren always want to visit their relatives in the various cities, and I vote for them. But it is understood I am to go when the Assembly meets in Denver, as I want to see Pike's Peak." He has not taken a Presbyterian Church paper for twenty-five years, so that his vigorous views on Briggsism cannot be charged to the influence of the religious press, which a speaker at the Detroit Assembly held responsible for the whole trouble. However, as a subscriber to the PRESBYTERIAN BANNER from this on, he will be able to note more accurately the progress of the controversy.

ANDREW CARY. Upon a beautiful and well-improved farm in Darby Township, Madison County, is situated the home of Mr. Cary. This handsome farm house, surrounded, as it is, by fine improvements and excellent buildings, is situated two and one-half miles east of Plain City. Mr. Cary was born in Canaan Township, this county, January 21, 1837, and is the son of Solomon Cary, who was born in 1809, in Madison County, and was there reared. His father, Abijah Cary, was a native of Pennsylvania, and came with his father, Luther Cary, to Ohio in 1790, and settled on Darby Creek in Canaan Township. There he died at the age of seventy-three years. Luther Cary's father, John Cary, came from Ireland.

The mother of our subject was known in maidenhood as Anna Millikin, and was a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio with her parents, James and Elizabeth Millikin, when she was about sixteen years of age. It was in Canaan Township, Madison County, that she was united in marriage with Solomon Cary, in October, 1835, and they located on a farm there. It was not until 1856 that they moved into Darby Township, where they remained upon a farm until 1877,

when they moved to Plain City. Here they spent the remainder of their days, and both died at the age of seventy-three. They lie buried side by side in the old Plain City cemetery. Of their three children, the two sons are living, and the daughter died at the age of nine years.

Our subject was the eldest child in his father's family, and his brother John, who now resides in Plain City, was born October 28, 1840. Mr. Cary's first schooling was in Darby and Canaan Townships, this county, and he afterward studied in Plain City. He remained with his father until he reached the age of majority, assisting him upon the farm, and was married October 7, 1858, to Flora E. Burnham, a native of Ohio, who was born near Rosedale. Immediately after marriage, the young couple made their home upon the farm where they now reside, a place upon which but scant improvement had been placed, and of which only about forty acres had been cleared. Upon this place were born their four sons and two daughters: Annie is now the wife of James B. Smith, of Monroe Township, Madison County; Henry is a farmer in Darby Township; Nettie E. is the wife of J. G. Holycross, a farmer of Darby Township; and Rodney, Burnham and Frank P. reside at home.

Mr. Cary has six hundred and eighty-two acres of land in Darby Township, and across the line in Franklin County. His home farm consists of four hundred and fifty-seven and one-half acres, and his other place comprises two hundred and twenty-four and one-half acres. There was a dense forest upon his property in Darby Township, and with his own right arm he cleared most of this land. He has placed as much as seven miles of tiling in the farm, beside the main outlets. He has been successful in carrying on a general line of farming, and has his place in an excellent state of cultivation. He has helped to make most of the pike roads in the county, and in various ways has helped forward matters of public interest. For many years he was School Director, and has been prominent as Trustee of the township of Darby. His political views are in accordance with the doctrines of the Democratic party, but he is in no sense a politician. Upon his farm he at one time made a specialty of raising fine stock, devoting himself particularly to Short-horn cattle, and Shropshire sheep, but his main business has been in the line of general farming.

HON. WESLEY WORK, who has done conspicuous public service and is influential in all things pertaining to the welfare of the community with which he has been so long and closely identified, is a man of wide experience and of more than ordinary ability as a farmer and stockman who stands among the foremost representatives of the agricultural interests of Pickaway County, the farm on which he makes his home in Monroe Township being one of the best in its appointments and in the manner of its management in this part of the State.

Our subject was born March 28, 1829, on the shores of Clear Creek, in Fairfield County. Joseph Work, his father, was born in Kishekockley Valley, northwest of Harrisburg, Pa., of which his father, David Work, was one of the first pioneer settlers. He was of Irish birth, and had come to this country after the Revolution. At first, he lived near Harrisburg, Pa., and carried on his occupation as a farmer. He finally came to Ohio with his family in a wagon, and was an early settler of Fairfield County, where but few pioneers had preceded him, and there he spent his remaining days. He left a wife, who lived to be an old lady, and seven children, of whom the following are the names: Joseph, John, Henry, David, Robert, Elizabeth (Mrs. Carey), and Nancy (Mrs. Watson). Henry and David were tanners, and were among the early settlers of Ft. Wayne, Ind. Robert also located near that town on a farm, and became eminent in the public life of the county, which he represented in the State Legislature one term, and he was also Probate Judge.

Joseph Work, the father of our subject, was a farmer and owned a quarter-section of fine land on Clear Creek, in Fairfield County, where he lived many years. He finally removed to Hock-

ing Township, where he bought two hundred and forty acres of landed property. He was a hard worker, and was possessed of great mechanical genius, and besides attending to his farming interests, made plows and did some cabinet-work. He dealt in stock extensively, often buying cattle and driving them to Philadelphia, where he secured a good market for them. In him the Methodist Church had one of its most earnest and useful members. Politically, he was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, and then he joined that. He was a well-known figure in the military circles of Fairfield County as Captain of a company of citizen-soldiers.

The mother of our subject was Ann Harrison in her maiden days, and she was a native of Winchester, Va., whence she came to Ohio with her parents in the early years of the settlement of this State. She was the mother of these eight children: Mary (Mrs. Geiseman), Martha (Mrs. Walker), John, Silas, William, Wesley, Margaret (Mrs. Schleich) and James. The mother was a devoted Christian and a member of the Methodist Church.

The subject of this biography passed his boyhood on his father's farm, working on it in the summer time as soon as large enough, and attending school winters in the primitive log house of pioneer times, furnished rudely with slab benches, and conducted under the rate-bill system. At the age of seventeen, our subject crossed the mountains on his way to Philadelphia, five hundred miles distant, with a drove of one hundred cattle, which was quite a responsible task for one so young. He continued as a drover until 1857, making his headquarters one year in Philadelphia, and driving cattle from there to New York. At the age of nineteen, his father gave him an interest in the stock business and he began life on his own account. In the year 1857, he located at Ashville, this county, and engaged in feeding hogs at the distillery for the ensuing two years. His next venture was to buy a distillery, which he operated until 1864, when he sold it and bought seven hundred and fifteen acres of land here. He has disposed of a part of that tract, and now has five hundred and thirty-five acres of fine farming land, nearly all of which is improved, and nearly all the improvements are the work of his own hand; neat fences have been put up to divide the land into convenient fields, which are well drained and highly cultivated, and substantial buildings for every needed purpose adorn the place, including a handsome and commodious brick residence that was built in 1867–68.

Our subject has raised a great deal of grain, and also of stock, making somewhat of a specialty of thorough-bred Short-horn cattle. He sold a steer for $350, and it was taken to Trenton, N. J., to be slaughtered at a barbecue given in honor of the inauguration of Gov. Beadle, the first Democratic Governor of that State after the war. Mr. Work still has some fine Short-horns, but finds that the demand for this breed has decreased. He has raised some choice high-bred Norman and Hambletonians, as fine draft horses and roadsters as can be found in this vicinity. He had a young Norman gelding that weighed sixteen hundred and ninety pounds when it was only two years and two months old, and now at three years old weighs nineteen hundred and twenty-five pounds and is sixteen and three-quarter hands high, and took first premium at the State Fair, September 13, 1892. In sheep, he raises the Cotswold, crossed with the Shropshires.

Mr. Work was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Grove September 8, 1859, and she has been to him all that the word wife implies. She is a woman of noble character, of intelligent mind, and possesses a warm, generous heart, that makes her a true friend to all who come under her influence. Mrs. Work is a native of Pennsylvania, born January 26, 1836, and she was but two years old when her parents, Henry and Rachel (Betz) Grove, brought her to this county in 1838. Six of the seven children born of her marriage with our subject are living: Joseph S., Mary S., Pliney G., Jessie F., Claud W. and Taswell B. Rose M. died March 15, 1875, in the fifteenth year of her age.

Our subject is one of the leaders of the Democratic party in this section, and was selected by his fellow-citizens to represent this district in the State Legislature in the fall of 1883. He served

with honor four years, and his career as a legislator was marked with the same tact, accuracy, and far-seeing business policy that have always characterized his management of his private affairs. He was always found to be at his post during the sessions of the Legislature, and his public spirit and evident desire to help forward all plans devised for the improvement of county or State were an inspiration to his fellow-members. He was a member of the Committee on Public Buildings, and on Ditches, Drains, Watercourses and Public Ways; and he introduced the bill to authorize the building of the Soldiers' Monument at Circleville, also a bill to erect a schoolhouse at New Holland, besides some minor bills.

GEORGE V. REGGIN, of Monroe Township, a farmer of progressive ideas and good business qualifications, who occupies a position of some prominence in the social and political circles of Pickaway County, was born in Madison Township, Fayette County, May 21, 1850. His father, Jeremiah Reggin, was born in Delaware December 1, 1816. He was a son of William C. Reggin, who was also a native of Delaware, born February 22, 1789, and of English descent. He was a shipman and owned a vessel, which plied on the Delaware River. He also owned and managed a farm of finely improved land at Cannon's Ferry. He finally disposed of his property in his native State, and, coming to this county in 1831, located at Williamsport, having made the journey thither with a team in eight weeks. He subsequently went to Illinois and made investments, but continued his residence here for many years. His wife died here in the prime of life and he never remarried. His last years were spent with his children in Moultrie County, Ill., where he died at the age of eighty-four. He reared a family of seven children, as follows: Isaac C., who is living in Moultrie County, Ill., at the age of eighty-six years; Emeline, Mrs. Timmons, aged eighty-four years, who is also living in that county; Deborah, deceased; Jeremiah J.; Ellen, Mrs. Huitt, deceased; Charles, deceased; and William.

Jeremiah J. Reggin was sixteen years old when he accompanied his parents to their new home in this State. He became one of the most prosperous farmers of this section, carrying on a good business as a mixed farmer, and he owned over two hundred acres of land in Fayette and Pickaway Counties. He was a driving, pushing, ambitious man, who knew just how to manage his affairs in the best manner. He was one of the truest and most loyal of men, with a deep and abiding patriotism, as was shown by his course in the late war, and no nobler or braver soldier went forth to help fight his country's battles than he. In August, 1862, he was busily stacking wheat when several of his neighbors called upon him, and said that if he would enlist they would. His immediate response as he descended from the rick was "Come on, boys," and he at once went to Mt. Sterling and enrolled his name as a member of Company G, One Hundred and Thirteenth Ohio Infantry. He served nearly three years, was always at the front in every battle in which his regiment took part, and at all times displayed a true soldierly spirit, which would have won him high honors had he not modestly declined promotion. At Chickamauga, he captured the rebel flag after three men had been shot in making the attempt, and for that gallant act he was offered a commission, but he refused it, preferring to remain in the ranks, and on two other occasions bravery would have received like reward if he would have accepted. He passed unscathed through the heat of many a battle, and endured the hardships of the long march with Sherman to the sea and other campaigns without his health giving way so seriously as to necessitate his going to a hospital. He was a Republican to the heart's core, and took a deep interest in politics, though he never cared for office. Religiously, he was a Methodist, and was one of three members to build the church at Waterloo.

Mr. Reggin was twice married. His first wife, a Miss Ritchie, of this county, died in 1846, a year after marriage, leaving no issue. His second marriage, which took place in 1847, was with Miss

Mary Davis, who is still living on the old farm in Fayette County. She is a native of that county, born October 24, 1823, in the pioneer home of Jonathan and Mary (Van Doler) Davis, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The Van Dolers were among the earliest settlers of Ohio, coming to this State in 1796, as was also the Davis family which came at about the same time. Mrs. Reggin's father was a farmer, and owned considerable land in Fayette County, where he always lived after he came to Ohio, and there he died in 1834. Besides his property here, he had some real estate in Illinois. He had but one child by his second marriage, Mrs. Reggin, but he had three children by a former marriage. Mrs. Reggin has five children, all living, as follows: William, George V., John O., Lawson D., and Eber A.

George V. Reggin of this biographical review was given educational advantages in the village school at Waterloo, Ohio, and in the Normal School at Lebanon, also in the Normal at Bloomington, Ill., which he attended in 1873. He entered the profession of teacher, and was engaged at it some twenty-five terms, teaching two terms in Macon County, Ill., one term in Douglas County, Kan., and the remainder of the time in Fayette and Pickaway Counties. He was married August 29, 1876, to Miss Alice McCafferty, whose father is represented in this volume. Mrs. Reggin was born in this county October 24, 1851.

Mr. Reggin farmed in Fayette County for a year after marriage, but in 1877 he came to Pickaway County to live with his father-in-law, and he has ever since managed his farm, engaging in general farming. He tills about three hundred acres of land, and last year had one hundred acres in corn and sixty acres in wheat. He is also interested in stock, and has fifty head of fine cattle.

Our subject is one of the tried and true Republicans of this district, and is looked to by his fellow-Republicans at the county seat to make poll of the votes cast in this township on election days, and to look after the political fences of the party in general. He was Assessor of the township two years, and was Township Clerk three years. In his social relations, he is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows' lodges at Mt. Sterling, being a member of the Royal Arch and Knight Templar lodges at Washington C. H. Religiously, both he and his amiable wife are members in high standing of the Methodist Church, and take an active interest in its welfare. He is Steward and Trustee of the Church, and for three years he was Superintendent of the Sunday-school.

DANIEL A. COUNTS owns and operates three hundred and fifteen acres of valuable land a mile and a half from Midway. He was born in his present home, December 19, 1826, and is a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Walker) Counts. His father was born November 30, 1780, in Rockingham County, Va., and, when a young man, emigrated to Ross County, Ohio. He afterward came to Range Township, Madison County, where, by his industry and good management, he became owner of over three thousand acres of land in Ohio, seven hundred in Vermillion County, Ill., and three hundred in Kansas. He died January 22, 1873. His family numbered thirteen children, all of whom grew to mature years, while twelve of the children married.

Our subject grew to manhood in this locality, and, at the age of eighteen, started out in life for himself. He cleared land for his father for the use of it for several years, and in this way got a start in life. He was married, April 28, 1863, to Miss Rachel L. Tracey, of Range Township, who was born in Fayette County, August 12, 1838. Previously, he had purchased some land from the Government, and also had eighty acres in Livingston County, Ill., upon which was a sawmill, but he never made his home there. After his marriage, he removed to his present place of residence.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Counts were born eight children, seven yet living: Laura A., born November 18, 1863, is the wife of William Dorn, and has two children; Jennie B., born November 28, 1864, is the wife of Charles Myers, and has two children; Frank L., born January 1, 1866, is at home; Charles W., born April 8, 1867, died November 2, 1886; Edward S., born August 10, 1869; Angie L., Feb-

ruary 3, 1872; Harry A., January 22, 1874; Orestes S., January 5, 1876; and Lewis, October 9, 1877. The mother died October 4, 1886.

For the benefit of the reader who may be unfamiliar with the matter, we give a brief account of the trouble which arose in Range Township, and which resulted in law suits, and the stirring up of ill feelings and enmity which it will take a generation to wipe out of existence. About 1873, one Solomon Crittenham came into the township and called upon Mr. Counts, desiring to rent a place for the year. Mr. Counts told him that his land was all rented, but he could occupy one of his houses, which was at that time empty, and the man moved into that place. He was hired by Mr. Counts to cut a ditch, which he did, but the ditch having no fall, our subject graded it. When Mr. Crittenham finished the work, he presented a bill to Mr. Counts, which included the labor of the latter gentleman, and demanded pay for the entire job. Mr. Counts naturally refused to pay for his own work, at which Mr. Crittenham sued him, being advised by the "Squire" that it was a good chance to make some money.

Evidence of an immaterial nature, not at all connected with the case, was introduced, and the suit resulted in favor of Mr. Crittenham, and Mr. Counts was obliged to pay the costs and lose all his own work on the ditch besides. Then Crittenham commenced throwing down fences, letting stock into the fields, destroying the grain, hauling off rails, and in every way trying to injure Mr. Counts. Daniel Counts, Sr., died January 22, 1873, and in dividing up the estate, which was done by the Commissioners and the Court, Joseph Counts, one of the heirs, was dissatisfied with the division because they awarded land to Daniel A. that he himself desired. Finding that the Judge, constable and lawyers were in favor of Crittenham, he came over to their side, and united with them in an effort to secure one hundred and ten acres of our subject.

In the spring of 1874, the Crittenham "ring" was formed, and when Mr. Counts gave Mr. Crittenham notice to leave the place, this ring made a plot among the tenants to change houses on the night previous, and when the constable came with his writ, nothing could be done. For another year, Crittenham held forcible possession, continuing his underhand meanness, and one night Mr. Counts' mill, with everything in it, was burned to the ground. Believing this to be the work of his enemy, the owner had Crittenham arrested, but when the trial was held, the Judge wanted Mr. Counts to prove beyond doubt that Crittenham was the incendiary, which, of course, Mr. Counts could not do. The case was therefore gained by the defendant, and Mr. Counts had all the costs to pay.

Upon renting his share of the estate to James Lyons, Joseph Counts and Crittenham debarred the tenant and our subject from the land with injunctions for two years. This made Mr. Lyons so indignant, that, meeting Crittenham at London, he struck the man, and was thereupon arrested, and would have been put in jail had not our subject gone on his bond and paid all costs. Some of the neighbors, disgusted with Crittenham, attempted to get him to leave the country, but he had them arrested, and in the trial it appeared that the matter was originated by two men named Timons and Thompson. Finding that the case was going against them, they swore that D. A. Counts asked them to go to Crittenham's, and stated that the fact could be proved by a man in the court house. The man was put on the witness stand and gave his evidence that D. A. Counts did not get him to go to Crittenham's, whereupon the lawyer inquired why he went, and he replied that he went to see what the others were going to do. Other witnesses swore that Mr. Counts had a supper as a means of persuading them to go. This was done in order to get out of trouble themselves, and have Mr. Counts responsible for the costs, and they were successful in the attempt, for the costs, about $1,200, were put on our subject.

By this time Mr. Counts had lost not only his money, but part of his stock, in law suits, and, being unable to pay his indebtedness, the Squire issued a warrant to have him put in jail, but as there was no law permitting a man to be imprisoned for debt, he levied on some stock that was advertised for sale. Before the day of the sale, however, the amount was paid. The Commissioners of the

estate of Daniel Counts, deceased, opened a country road across the land for the benefit of the heirs, but the Crittenham "ring" fenced the road up at night, hauled the rails away, and threw them in the creek. The judge, suspecting the perjury of witnesses, charged the jury, if they were doubtful of the evidence, to take it for what it was worth, but no attention was paid to the charge, and the case was decided in favor of Crittenham. Mr. Counts brought action before Squire McCormick at London, but his lawyer failed to appear at the trial until the lawyer employed by Crittenham had gained the case, and the costs, amounting to $35, had to be paid by our subject. Mr. Lyons and others getting into trouble with the same man, and losing the case, the costs, $226.94, were paid by Mr. Counts.

Our subject next brought action at Circleville before the Judge to dissolve the injunction, and gained the case. In the spring of 1875, he gave Crittenham notice to leave his place, but the man proved by his "ring" that he had rented of Mr. Counts, and so staid for another year, continuing his wicked deeds with the usual fine harvest for squires, constables and lawyers. Mr. Counts brought action before the Judge to try the rights of the land, and in the trial the "ring" produced a note against Daniel Counts, deceased, of $4,000 or $5,000 to cover the land in dispute, but the note was pronounced a forgery, and was laid on one side by the Judge. This suit was gained by Mr. Counts.

In the spring of 1876, Mr. Counts gave Crittenham another notice to leave his place, and on the day of the trial, the man removed his goods from the house, which was immediately taken possession of by one of Mr. Counts' farm hands. The "ring" forthwith cut down timber on his land, with which they built Crittenham a house on land belonging to Joseph Counts, and again commenced cutting down timber, hauling off rails, etc. Mr. Counts had them arrested and brought action against them for two years' rent, but in the trial they proved the land was valueless, so the suit was decided against Mr. Counts, although he had proved that the land was worth $50 per acre.

Seeing that there was no more business for him there, Crittenham left the neighborhood and removed to Fayette County, where he was soon injured in a fight. Having no friends there, he returned to Range Township, but his old partners had found that there was no money in him, but considerable danger of getting into trouble, so they would have nothing to do with him. He then packed his goods for the North, and the last heard of him was that he was killed in a smoke-house while in the act of stealing meat. Thus terminated the career of a scoundrel. We may mention that Daniel A. and Joseph Counts were good friends until the Commissioners and Court awarded a piece of land to the former that the latter desired; also that not one of the heirs gave anything to our subject for his loss and trouble.

Politically, Mr. Counts was a stanch Democrat, until his friends in that party united with Crittenham in the effort to swindle him, when he left the party and never expects to vote the Democratic ticket again. His place is among the most progressive farmers of his community, and his farm is in a high state of cultivation and well improved.

THOMAS S. WORTHINGTON. Among the representative and successful farmers and stock-raisers of Concord Township, Fayette County, the name of Mr. Worthington may well appear, as his magnificent estate of fourteen hundred acres bears every mark of the hand of a progressive and systematic farmer. He is the eldest son of Joseph C. Worthington, his birth occurring in Highland County, this State, August 18, 1829. He was reared on his father's farm and attended school in the log cabin of that early day. His advantages were very limited, however, but being an apt pupil, he gained sufficient knowledge to give him an impetus to go on by himself.

Thomas S. Worthington remained under the parental roof until reaching his twentieth year, at which time he formed a partnership with his father and brother Robert, and carried on farming for ten years in a partnership. He has given his entire

time and attention to cultivating the soil, carrying on mixed husbandry. His possessions, as has already been stated, comprise fourteen hundred acres, four hundred of which are under the plow. His place is constantly stocked with the best grades of cattle, Mr. Worthington keeping on hand about two hundred and fifty head. He also deals extensively in horses, sheep and swine, of which he has some fine specimens.

The original of this sketch when starting out on his own responsibility had three hundred and thirty-two acres of land. The remainder of his land has been obtained by his persistent industry and good management. He is one of the largest land-holders and stock-raisers in Fayette County, and thus ranks among the wealthy and progressive business men of this section, where he is so widely and favorably known.

He of whom we write served in the Morgan raid during the Civil War, and in his political belief is a strong Republican. He has made Concord Township his home since eighteen years of age and through his own efforts has attained an enviable position in the agricultural community, where his word is considered as good as his bond.

MARTIN E. DREISBACH has been a resident of Pickaway County since he came here, a boy of five years, in 1831. He is now engaged in the implement and seed business at Circleville, and also superintends the management of the valuable farming lands which he owns. He was born near Lewisburg, Union County, Pa., September 8, 1826, and traces his ancestry to the holders of the earldom of Witgenstein, Germany, where his great-grandfather, Martin Dreisbach, was born in 1717. That gentleman married Anna Eve Hoffman, and with her emigrated to the United States in 1746, buying a farm in Lancaster County, Pa., and there engaging as a blacksmith and miller. In 1763, he removed to Berks County, Pa., and ten years later purchased a farm in Buffalo Valley, Union County.

The Valley was at that time a frontier settlement, and three years after settling there, the great-grandparents of our subject were compelled to flee from the place, in order to escape the Indians' tomahawk. When danger was past, they returned to their home, where the wife died in March, 1789, and the husband in February, 1799. Their sons were Jacob, Henry, John and Martin, and their daughters, Margaret and Catharine. Martin married Sabina F. Bucks, and their children were John, Anna Eve, Susannah, Leah, Elizabeth and Martin.

It is with the history of John, the father of our subject, that we are particularly interested. He was born in Berks County, Pa., June 5, 1789, the eldest of six children. He was the son of pious parents, both of whom were for many years members of the Evangelical Association, and it was therefore but natural that the son should inherit a deeply religious nature. He obtained a rudimentary education, and at an early age exhibited those traits of character which grew stronger as he grew older, and which made him one of the great forces in building up the Evangelical Association. He gave himself to his life work with enthusiasm and zeal, and every page of the history of the Association bears tribute to his influence and ability. He entered the ministry of the Association in Pennsylvania when eighteen years old, as is asserted by some of his descendants, but according to the early records of the church in Pennsylvania, at the age of seventeen.

One year after entering the ministry, Rev. John Dreisbach went out as a traveling preacher, and thus began his career of widely-extended usefulness. He was the fifth itinerant appointed, and during his first service in that capacity, was often accompanied by the famous founder of the Association, the brave, zealous and much-maligned Rev. Jacob Albright. In his later years, Mr. Dreisbach wrote of that co-laborer as follows: "I derived much benefit from his paternal instruction and pious example, as well as from his fervent prayers, childlike confidence in God and his humble resignation to His holy will. All this made deep impression on my mind, and was highly useful to me afterward in my calling as a Christian and minister of the Gospel."

In 1807, Mr. Dreisbach was stationed with another minister, George Miller, upon a circuit which embraced about twenty appointments and included parts of the counties of Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, Berks, Bucks, Montgomery, Northampton, Lehigh and Schuylkill. The next year, he was transferred to the Northumberland circuit where his duties were difficult and attended with great disadvantages. About that time, there arose a powerful storm of opposition, persecution and calumny against the Association and those who labored in the cause. The storm was directed principally against the Methodists, who were increasing very rapidly at that time, but the people generally understood by the term Methodist the Evangelical Association also and all who held the same or similar views. Libels were uttered, violence was often threatened, and some even declared their willingness to take up arms against the struggling church, if it were not contrary to law.

An incident in the life of the Rev. Mr. Dreisbach confirms what has been said of the bitterness against the preaching of the Association. The facts as here recorded are taken from Rev. W. W. Orwig's "History of the Evangelical Association." In the month of August, 1808, it appears that the preacher returned from a general meeting in order to fill an appointment at Jonestown, Lebanon County, Pa. As he had been disturbed while preaching there before, it was his intention to hold services on that occasion among his friends, without giving any public notice. "From fear, not of the Jews, but of the heathen-like Christians," the doors were locked and the window shutters fastened on the inside before the services commenced. After singing and prayer, Mr. Dreisbach began his sermon, but the preliminary exercises had been heard by some of their enemies, who began to gather outside the house, and, forcing the doors and shutters open, entered the room, making a great noise and giving utterance to violent imprecations.

The preacher went among the crowd to restore order, but was seized by several ruffians and dragged toward the door. The lights were extinguished and he was very roughly treated. The men who had seized him called to their companions who were outside, "Boys, open the door; we have got him," and they replied, "Give it to him! kill the priest!" Mr. Dreisbach was apprehensive of the worst, and, concentrating his strength by a sudden effort, he freed himself from the men, but he was still in the midst of the crowd in the intense darkness. As his assailants were groping around for him, cursing his escape, they accidentally bestowed several blows upon each other, and while they were thus engaged, he slipped out of the crowd and escaped. The ringleaders of the mob were arrested. Mr. Dreisbach continued to preach in the Lancaster, Northumberland and Lebanon circuit for many years. He received a tempting offer from Bishop Asbury, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to join that denomination, but declined on account of his affection for the Association. His allegiance to the organization was unwavering, although he could have improved his financial condition by joining a church of similar faith. The pay was small for a number of years, first $30 and later $50, which seems insufficient to support a man and his family.

In 1812, Mr. Dreisbach was placed in charge of the mission of New York, and while there passed through many trials and suffered much from physical ailments, but soon gained renewed strength for his enlarged responsibilities. After 1812, the affairs of the Association devolved upon him, and he was thereafter engaged in laying out new circuits in the West. In 1814, the Conference elected him Presiding Elder. During 1815, he preached several times in Philadelphia, and in the following year traveled Westward as far as Buffalo and Niagara Falls, preaching there and in Canada.

From that time onward, Mr. Dreisbach's sphere constantly enlarged. He completed a catechism which came into general use, and in conjunction with a brother minister, arranged the German hymn book and rearranged and improved the Articles of Faith and Discipline. He enjoyed an ever-increasing popularity both as preacher and citizen. In 1828–29, he was a member of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and at a later period his name was mentioned as candidate for Governor of that State, but he had no ambition for official distinction and no enthusiasm for any labor except that

which would advance the interest of the church and the cause of Christianity. In 1831, he removed to Ohio, and bought a farm in Pickaway County. However, he paid only little attention to it, but continued his labors as minister, beginning among his neighbors and afterward having charge of the circuit of Pickaway County. For a time, he was stationed at Dayton and Chillicothe, and for several years was editor of the Evangelical *Messenger*, the organ of the Association at Cleveland, Ohio. His life was one of unremitting activity, and after he had ceased preaching on account of the infirmities of age, his pen was constantly employed in furnishing religious articles for the press. With scarcely a thought for himself, but seeking the advancement of the Church and the spiritual good of his neighbors and humanity in general, he labored on day after day until his life was brought to a close August 20, 1871, at Circleville.

The first marriage of Mr. Dreisbach united him with Catharine Eyer, who died leaving two children. The second marriage was to a sister of the first wife, Fannie Eyer, who died in 1876, at the age of eighty-five years. Our subject was the eighth in order of birth among the children of the second union. At the age of five years, he accompanied his parents from Pennsylvania to Ohio, where he received a common-school education. When twenty-one years old, his father assisted him to buy one hundred and sixty acres on section 17, Pickaway Township. He cleared the most of the land, erected fine buildings, and added to it until he owned one hundred and eighty-seven acres.

In 1863, our subject enlisted in the Ohio State Militia, and in May of the following year, was mustered in at Camp Dennison, becoming a member of Company A, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Infantry. He did garrison duty at Norfolk, Va., City Point, Whitehouse Landing and Martinsburg, Va., and at the expiration of his term of service returned home. He resumed his farming operations, and in 1874 bought a farm of one hundred and seventy-three acres on section 18, Pickaway Township, thus becoming the owner of three hundred and sixty acres of fine land. In 1876, he rented his farms and located in Circleville, where he has since been engaged in the implement and seed business on Main Street near Court. In 1886, he built an elegant residence on Court and Union Streets, valued at $10,000, which in 1890 he deeded to his only daughter. He still owns a one-half interest in a farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Monroe Township. In 1885, he assisted in organizing the Third National Bank, but sold his stock a few years later.

In 1848, Mr. Dreisbach was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Michael Reedy, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Sarah F., Mrs. Fellows, who died in 1876; Josiah, who died in 1855, when three years old; and Arista, who married H. P. Lorbach, a jeweler at Circleville. Mr. Dreisbach served as Township Trustee six years and Assessor two years. He has been District Deputy of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a charter member and Past Commander of Groce Post No. 156, G. A. R., and has attended the National Encampments of the Order at Denver, Colo., Portland, Me., San Francisco, Cal., St. Louis, Mo., and Columbus, Ohio. For forty years he was a member of the Evangelical Association, but in 1884 united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is Class-leader and Steward. In his political belief, he is a stanch Republican, and has served his party in various positions of trust.

JAMES WALKER, We have here one of the most prominent residents and one of the very oldest settlers of Scioto Township, Pickaway County, as there is hardly any one now living who came to this county earlier than he. He was born in Albemarle County, Va., near Charlottesville, the county seat, September 6, 1818, and his father, John Walker, was born on the farm once owned by Thomas Jefferson, at a place called Shadwell, in June, 1786.

The grandfather was born in England, and came to America when a young man, working at his trade, which was that of a carpenter, for Thomas Jefferson. He married a Miss Turner at

Shadwell, and spent the remainder of his life there. His three children were Thomas, Sarah and John, respectively, the latter being the father of our subject. His widow resided with her mother, whose second husband, a Mr. Morgan, carried on a mill belonging to Thomas Jefferson at Old Shadwell.

At that place the father of our subject grew to manhood, and soon after leaving there helped to build a large mill at Charlottesville. He then served an apprenticeship as a miller, and in 1816 became head miller, holding that position until 1822. At that time, he bought a mill and carried it on in that county, on Meecham's River, until he came to Ohio in 1834. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, belonging to a cavalry corps which was stationed at Norfolk, Va., to protect the coast against the landing of the British.

John Walker came to Ohio in 1834, traveling by team and wagon over the mountains, making the journey of five hundred miles to Columbus in twenty-one days, and located in the township of Scioto, Pickaway County, on land which now adjoins the farm owned by our subject. He improved considerable land, and at one time owned over four hundred acres, building up his property by industry and economy, for he was poor when he came to this State. He was a man of excellent judgment, was highly esteemed, and was a Democrat in his political views. He died in November, 1861.

Elizabeth Wertenbaker became the wife of John Walker in June, 1816. She was born in Albemarle County, Va., in 1800, and became the mother of sixteen children, fourteen of whom grew to maturity. They were by name: Mary, James, William, John, Sarah, Susan, Thomas, Adeline, Richard, Benjamin Franklin, Charles, Louisa, Milfred, Meriwether L., and Melissa, respectively, and one who died in infancy. The mother of this numerous family lived to reach her eighty-second year, and died near Salina, Kan., where she had gone to live with her son, Benjamin F.

Our subject came here in his seventeenth year, and well recollects the journey over the mountains. He drove a team on the journey, and soon began to help in subduing the land in the new home, although he gained some additional schooling in the primitive schools after coming here. The country was practically a wilderness, there being but one improved place between Commercial Point and Darby Creek, six miles west. At the age of twenty-three, he began for himself, and, as he was the oldest of the boys and the family was large, he had been accustomed to much responsibility. After working out by the month in Champaign County for a year, he put up a log cabin on his father's farm and was married in 1843. After farming there for two years, he moved to Georgesville, Franklin County, where for five years he carried on a general store, which he finally sold, and took an interest in Mr. Beckett's store, at Commercial Point, but two years later sold out his share in this business on account of his health.

Mr. Walker next bought seventy-five acres of land, where James Hewitt now resides, and after living on it from 1853 to 1857, he gave up farming and located at Commercial Point, because he had been elected Justice of the Peace and had so much public business to attend to that he could not carry on his farm. He was also made Postmaster, and served from 1858 to 1864, at which time he opened a store, which he disposed of two years later to Mr. Harsh, the present owner. The farm which he now owns was purchased in 1864 and he has put upon it many valuable improvements.

Sarah A. Fretwell became the wife of James Walker, December 6, 1843. She was born in Virginia, May 3, 1822, and came here with her parents seven years later. Her five children are Margaret M., William D., Robert R., John F. and Mary L. With the exception of $600 which Mr. Walker received from his father's estate, he has made all his property unaided and now owns some three hundred acres of finely improved land, upon which he carries on mixed farming, making a specialty of sheep, of which he keeps a large number. He built a fine large frame barn in 1883 and has an excellent frame house.

As might well be expected, our subject is a Democrat and he says that he was rocked in the Jeffersonian cradle of Democracy, having been born and reared near the home of that illustrious statesman, Thomas Jefferson, who was so truly revered by his

father and grandfather. In his service as Justice of the Peace for nine years, he tried numerous cases and never had a decision reversed, which is a record of which he may well feel proud. He has also served as Trustee of the township for many years and in that capacity has aided much in the development of this section.

JOHN MORRIS. The name of Morris is indissolubly connected with the agricultural development of Pickaway County, and with its advancement in other directions, since the very early days of its settlement. The subject of this biographical review is distinguished in its history as one of its first-born sons, who was prominent and influential as a farmer and as a citizen of Walnut Township, his birthplace, during a long and honorable life. He was born July 12, 1806, and was a son of John and Elizabeth (Wells) Morris, who were among the first to take up their abode in the primeval forests of this section. The Morris family was an old and distinguished family of New Jersey, and Morristown of that State was named from our subject's grandfather.

The father of our subject migrated from his native State to Ohio at an early day, and was one of the original settlers of Walnut Township, where he entered land from the Government on section 33, and proceeded to build up a home for himself and his family in the primeval forests of Pickaway County. They had to move into a log cabin, and suffered the usual privations and hardships incidental to frontier life. The father died February 20, 1842, at a ripe old age. He had fifteen children, of whom fourteen grew to maturity.

John Morris was reared to man's estate amid pioneer environments, and was early inured to hard work. Before the time of railways, he used to take a load of flour, or other merchandise, to Zanesville, and bring back dry goods and other commodities in exchange for the Circleville merchants, when that city was a small town. He became one of the leading farmers of his native township, and by his activity and shrewd management acquired a goodly amount of property and left his family in comfortable circumstances. He was for many years an important figure in the official life of Walnut Township, which he served for many terms as a Trustee and Treasurer. He was also Justice of the Peace for several years, and for three years he was County Commissioner. In politics, he was a loyal Democrat. He was enterprising not only in conducting his own affairs, but also when he had civic interests to look after, and favored whatsoever was for the good of his native township and county. He was a sensible man, who was capable of wise discrimination, and was accurate in his judgments, and his advice was often sought in weighty matters. He was often called upon to settle estates in various parts of the county, and was noted for the fidelity and strict integrity with which he discharged his duties as an administrator. He departed this life June 5, 1877, greatly lamented by his family, to whom he had been a devoted husband and father, and by a large circle of acquaintances, among whom he had many warm friends. He was greatly missed by the church to which he belonged, the United Brethren, which he had been partly instrumental in upbuilding. Before there was any church of that denomination here, he had often given the use of his house for services, and he was one of the leading officials of the church after its establishment for many years.

Mr. Morris married Miss Delilah Bowman in 1831, and she still survives him. She is familiarly called "Aunt Lilah" by those who know and love her, and she is a noble representative of the pioneer daughters of Pickaway County. She was born near Newark, this State, May 11, 1814, and still retains her health and mental faculties to a remarkable degree for one of her venerable age. She is a daughter of William and Barbara Bowman, who were early settlers of Washington Township, Pickaway County, whither they came when very young, the Bowman family originating in Virginia. For many years she has been a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, and is truly a Christian. She is the mother of fourteen children, of whom all but one grew to manhood and womanhood. A son, John T., died at the age

of sixteen years, and a daughter, Elizabeth, is dead. The twelve surviving children are Samuel; Lydia, wife of Thomas Wells; Melinda, wife of John Lincoln; Mary, wife of Caleb Hall; Henry B.; Jane, wife of John Wholaver; Kate; Sophia; Milton; Lewis I.; Charles E.; and Flora E., wife of N. A. Warner.

Our subject's son Lewis was born in Walnut Township August 15, 1853, and was reared on the old family homestead, on which he still lives. He was a bright scholar in his youth, had the advantages of a good education, and for some five years engaged in the profession of teaching. His sister Sophia and brothers, with the exception of John, also taught school successfully. He has devoted himself mainly to agricultural pursuits, and stands among the wide-awake, well-to-do farmers and stock-raisers of his native township. The home farm contains two hundred and seventy-seven acres of valuable land, which are under fine tillage, and are replete with modern improvements. Mr. Morris is a man of sound understanding and good business habits, and his fellow-citizens, appreciating his fitness for office, have called him to assist in the management of public affairs, and he is now serving as a Trustee of the township. He is identified with the Democrats in politics, and socially, is a Knight of Pythias.

CHARLES W. HIGGINS, the popular and well-known physician, has borne a conspicuous part in the rise and growth of the village of Derby, materially as a business man, and socially, educationally and religiously as a public-spirited citizen, who has the good of the community at heart. A native of Ohio, the Doctor was born in Franklin County, November 1, 1838. His father, whose given name was also Charles, was born in Maryland, in 1809, and he was the son of another Charles Higgins, who is supposed to have been a native of Maryland. The family is of English origin, and settled in this country in Colonial times, where its various members have followed different professions and occupations. The grandfather of our subject was a farmer. In 1811, he abandoned his old home in Maryland, and with his wife and children journeyed with a team across the mountains, to found a new home in the forest wilds of Ohio, being several months on the way. He at last arrived in Franklin County, where he secured several thousand acres of land by means of military claims, and he took up his abode in a log house, or double log cabin, in which he kept a hotel, which was a favorite stopping place for new-comers, and often as many as forty teams of the emigrants would stop there at one time. He was on intimate terms with the Indians who lived near him. The country was wild and sparsely settled, with plenty of wild game, deer often being seen in droves, and a haunch of venison procured by his hand would sometimes regale his guests. He was widely known, and his death at the age of sixty was lamented by his fellow-pioneers. In politics, he was a Whig, and always stood firmly by his party.

After his father's death, the father of our subject managed the hotel and farmed at the same time, having a fine farm of two hundred and fifteen acres, whose value he so increased by substantial improvements and good cultivation, that it was worth $50 an acre at the time of his death, which occurred in 1855, at the age of forty-nine years. He was a man of remarkable energy and pronounced force of character, who rose early and worked late, and his death was a serious blow to the interests of his township, whose growth he had variously promoted. His political convictions were strong, and he sided with the Whigs. He was greatly aided in his life work by a capable, industrious wife, whose maiden name was Drusilla Ball. She was born in Fayette County, Pa., in 1805, and in 1811 came to Ohio with her mother and step-father, Mr. Manning, her own father having died in Pennsylvania when she was an infant. She was a consistent Christian in word and deed, and in her death, at the age of fifty years, the Methodist Episcopal Church lost one of its most efficient members. She was the mother of eight children, of whom seven grew to maturity, namely: Lauretta, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Julia, Samuel C., Charles W. and Jane A.

The boyhood of our subject was passed on a farm. He was given every advantage to obtain a liberal education, and profited thereby. His first schooling was obtained in the district schoolhouse in the village of Alton, that was rudely furnished with slab benches in pioneer style, and the school was of the subscription order, the teacher boarding around among the various families of the district. At the age of sixteen, our subject went to Columbus to attend the public schools of that city, and after studying therein two years he entered the Capital University, in which he was a student two years. He next took a nine-months' course in Granger's Commercial College in the same city, and was graduated from that institution at the end of that time. Wishing to still further perfect his education, he afterward spent two years in hard study at Dennison University.

The breaking out of the war found the Doctor closely engaged with his books, but in the second year of the rebellion he laid aside his studies to offer his services to his country, enlisting August 11, 1862, in Company C, Ninety-fifth Ohio Infantry. He was mustered into the army at Camp Chase, and was ordered at once with his regiment to Cumberland Gap. Before arriving there, however, Kirby Smith was met with a force of twenty-five thousand skilled soldiers, and though the command to which our subject was attached numbered but seven thousand raw recruits, they fought gallantly with the enemy, and after falling back three times were finally surrounded and about nine-tenths of the men captured, only about one hundred and fifty of the soldiers composing our subject's regiment escaping from the clutches of the enemy, he being one of that number. The scattered troops were collected at Lexington, Ky., and retreated in good order before the enemy, by the way of Frankfort to Louisville, where they were joined by reinforcements, and Kirby Smith retired southward. The doctor was then detailed with his comrades to guard the Jefferson & Madison Railway, at Madison, for three weeks. They were then sent to Camp Lew Wallace, where the men were all paroled. They were subsequently ordered to Camp Chase, and in February were sent into the field again. The next engagement in which they took a conspicuous part was at Guntown, where many of the men were cut to pieces and many were captured. The hardships and privations of a soldier's life were too much for our subject, who broke down under the continued strain, and January 19, 1863, he was discharged on a surgeon's certificate of disability. For what he did and suffered he now gets a pension of $8 a month, although he did not apply for it until the new pension law went into effect.

The Doctor had laid a solid foundation for his medical studies in his early education, his object in entering the profession being to prepare himself for the post of Assistant Surgeon in the army, but the war closed four months before he had completed his course. He read two years with Dr. Lafayette Woodruff, of Alton, and then attended two courses of lectures at the Starling Medical College at Columbus, from which he was graduated with honor June 30, 1865. He first opened an office at Martinsville, Ind., where he was in partnership with Dr. George Richey for three months. He then returned to this State, established himself at Big Plain, Madison County, married there, and was actively engaged in practice at that point for twenty years. During the last two years of his residence in that county, he was interested in the grain trade at Lilly Chapel. In 1884, the Doctor came to the village of Derby to engage in the grain business, building an elevator, and the following year removed his family here. The elevator was burned in 1886, but was at once rebuilt, and in 1887 our subject and his partner, Mr. Deyo, with whom he had been doing business under the firm name of Higgins & Deyo, sold out the business to the present proprietors of the elevator. The Doctor did not by any means abandon his profession, but steadily grew in favor with the people in the village and in the surrounding country, and he has many patients under his care.

Our subject was married December 31, 1865, to Miss Jane A. Say, who is likewise a native of Ohio, born in Lockburn, January 19, 1842. She is gifted with those gracious qualities that mark the true home-maker, and devotes herself cheerfully to her household. Her marriage with our subject has been hallowed to them by the birth of ten

children, eight of whom are now living: Minnie, Laura, Carrie, Florence, Walter, Nelson, Loretta and Mamie. Minnie and Loretta are teaching, the former at Alton and the latter at Worthington.

Dr. Higgins is a high-minded gentleman, of ripe culture and pleasant address, who exerts a wholesome influence in the community of which he forms so important a part. He is a true friend of education, takes a deep interest in it as President of the Board of Education of the village of Derby, and he was largely instrumental in securing the location of the Township High School here. He is a member of the Odd Fellows' lodge in this place, and also of the Knights of Pythias lodge and of Talmage Lodge No. 194. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church, and take an active part in church and Sunday-school work, the Doctor having served two years as Superintendent of the Sunday-school. In politics, he was formerly a Republican, but the last five years he has been a Prohibitionist.

S W. BOWERS. Prominent among the citizens of that part of Madison County embraced in Darby Township who were born here in the early years of its settlement, is the gentleman whose name is at the head of this biographical review. His farm lies three miles west of Plain City, some of his land being in Union County, and his residence is near the county line.

Our subject was born June 10, 1826, a son of Daniel Bowers, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere. He is the third child and second son of his parents. When he first went to school, the school was taught in the primitive log house of pioneer days. When he was thirteen years old, he went to live with Albert Newton, of Darby Township, and remained with him until he was eighteen years old. At that age, he started in life for himself and found plenty of work on farms, receiving fair wages for the times, his services being in constant demand as he was both a skillful and faithful worker. He was thus engaged until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he was married, and afterward located on his present farm in Darby Township. A log house stood on the place, which he repaired and fitted up for occupancy. He has ninety-five acres of land, lying partly in Union County, and all well improved and supplied with all the conveniences for carrying on agriculture. Mr. Bowers devotes it to general farming, has some fine stock and is doing a profitable business. His farm has been developed almost entirely by his own hard pioneer labors, and he has brought it to a fine condition, having the land under thorough cultivation. It is provided with necessary buildings, and the whole place is orderly and well arranged.

Mr. Bowers was married, in 1853, to Miss Lovina, a daughter of Samuel and Lucinda Smith, who were pioneers of Madison County. She, too, was a native of Darby Township, born September 24, 1825, and reared in the same neighborhood with her husband. Her paternal grandparents came to Ohio in 1816, her father accompanying them. Both he and his wife are dead, the latter dying when Mrs. Bowers was but five years old. Mrs. Bowers herself died September 10, 1880, and her mortal remains were placed in the Smith Cemetery in Darby Township. Her death was a sad loss to those of her own household, to whom she had so long and faithfully ministered, and the entire community mourned for her with her loved ones, as she had always been a true friend to her neighbors, gladly helping them when in trouble and sympathizing with them in their sorrows. She was the mother of three children, two sons and a daughter: Samuel S., who died in 1861, at the age of five years and ten months; Mary L., who died December 28, 1877, aged twenty years, four months and nineteen days; and James W., who resides on the farm with our subject. The latter was born April 27, 1862, and was married October 10, 1883, to Elma Harper. He is a bright and active young farmer and is making his mark among the men of his class in his native county.

Our subject has long been prominently identified with the public life of this part of Madison County, his fellow-citizens holding him in the utmost confidence, having a just appreciation of

his merits and capability. He has been Trustee of the Township of Darby since 1881, with the exception of two years, and has always encouraged all plans that were calculated to enhance its well-being. In politics, he is a sound Republican. Socially, he is a member of Pleasant Valley Lodge No. 193, I. O. O. F., at Plain City, and also of the Daughters of Rebekah Lodge.

SAMUEL S. ROBISON is a leading agriculturist of Pleasant Township, Madison County. He owns and operates three hundred and sixty-three acres of valuable land situated on the London Pike, five and a half miles from Mt. Sterling. It is all under a high state of cultivation, and the well-tilled fields yield a golden tribute to the owner, while the many improvements indicate his thrift and enterprise.

Mr. Robison was born in Clarke County, Ohio, about eleven miles from Springfield, November 9, 1826. He is the seventh in a family of nine children, whose parents were John R. and Mary (Edmiston) Robison. His father was born in South Carolina, and with his parents came to the Buckeye State at the age of twelve years. The mother was born in Tennessee and their wedding was celebrated in Champaign County. In the spring of 1827, they removed to Pleasant Township, Madison County, and our subject was early inured to all kinds of farm labor. His school privileges were very limited, but he loved books, and throughout his busy life has made the most of his opportunities and has become a well-informed man. He reads much and keeps well posted on all questions of the day.

On the 18th of October, 1849, Mr. Robison was joined in wedlock with Miss Margaret E. Fitzgerald of Madison County. Unto them were born three children but only one is now living, Mrs. Mary E. Bolles, a resident of Pleasant Township. One died in infancy and Edward J., who was married, died April 27, 1891, leaving three children. The mother of the family died December 9, 1878. Mr. Robison was again married, February 19, 1880, his second union being with Mrs. Mary A. Clark, *nee* Beale. She had two children by her first marriage.

Mr. Robison resided upon his father's farm in Monroe Township, Pickaway County, for two years after his first marriage and then with two brothers purchased two hundred and sixty-three acres of land, to which he removed in 1851. He afterward became sole owner of this tract and has extended the boundaries of his farm by the purchase of an additional one hundred acres. This farm is one of the best in the community. It is well tilled and the home is a pleasant residence.

In 1848, Mr. Robison cast his vote with the Whig party. He joined the Republican party on its organization and voted for John C. Fremont in 1856. He was an uncompromising Union man, and though he could not himself enter the service, sent a substitute to the war. The cause of education finds in him a warm friend, and while serving as School Director for the long term of twenty years, has done effective service in its interest. In 1851, he became a member of the Methodist Church and has served as its Steward. He is a well-known and prominent citizen of the community and well deserves representation in this volume.

TECUMSEH MILLAR is a native of Harrison Township, and one of its leading citizens. He has here, on section 22, one of the finest and best-equipped stock farms in Pickaway Township, which he devotes principally to breeding trotting and running horses, and he has already acquired a high reputation for his fine stock. Our subject was born July 23, 1851, and is a son of the late Adam Millar, a former well-known citizen of Harrison Township, who is represented elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Millar grew to man's estate in Harrison Township, and its public schools laid the foundation of a liberal education. He was a bright scholar and had every advantage for training his mind. For two years he was a pupil in the academy at

Bloomingburgh, in Fayette County, and he subsequently attended the Normal School at Lebanon, where he pursued a fine course of studies. He had been reared to the life of a farmer, and after he left school his tastes for that calling led him to adopt it for his life work. He is principally engaged in breeding high-grade trotters and running horses, and is conducting a successful and extensive business in that line, making it a point to breed none but the best, and he is already widely known for the superiority of his stock for speed, endurance and other good qualities required in a standard horse. His farm is admirably adapted to stock purposes, having all the requisites for such a farm, and it is a model of its kind.

Mr. Millar was first married November 26, 1874, to Miss Jennie Weigand, a daughter of Dill Weigand, formerly of this township, but now deceased. The present wife of our subject bore the maiden name of Lucy M. Stage, and is a daughter of Samuel W. and Jane B. (Bell) Stage. By this marriage there are two children, Adam T. and Hattie V.

Our subject is a man of brain, steady nerve and decided character, who is quick to think and prompt to act, and enjoys a high reputation as an exceedingly sagacious man of business. He takes a patriotic interest in his native county, and all feasible plans for its advancement are sure of his approval and material assistance in putting them into execution. His political affiliations are with the Democrats, and that party has no truer adherent in this section than he.

DAVID K. WILSON. Among the prominent citizens of Pickaway County, who have passed their entire lives within its limits, is this gentleman, who was born in Salt Creek Township, November 6, 1843, and is prominently identified with the farming interests of his native place. His estate is splendidly located in the Salt Creek Valley, and adjoins the corporation of Tarlton. It is watered by Salt Creek, which makes it excellently adapted for stock-raising purposes, as well as general farming. Two hundred and seventy-five acres are included in the farm, which is embellished with first-class improvements in the way of buildings and agricultural implements.

Hugh Wilson, father of our subject, was born in Ireland in 1813, and shortly after the death of his mother accompanied his father and remaining members of the family to the United States, being about twelve years old at the time. His father, John, settled in Washington County, Pa., and remained there until 1835. About that year, John Wilson and family removed to Ohio, and settled in Salt Creek Township, Pickaway County, on a farm which was yet a wilderness, remaining there until he died in 1836. Hugh Wilson was one of four children, two sons and two daughters, all of whom are now deceased. For several years he was Captain of a local company of militia, which he drilled regularly. He held various political offices, as well as positions of responsibility in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a member for many years. He was an active and zealous Christian, and was a pillar in the church with which he was connected. On all the current events of the day, he was well posted, and his opinion was influential in favor of public measures.

March 8, 1836, Hugh Wilson was married to Miss Anna Noble, who died October 1, 1839. The two children born of the union are also deceased. The second marriage of Mr. Wilson united him with Miss Margaret Kinnear, their wedding being solemnized October 5, 1842. February 17, 1850, death called from earth the wife, who left, beside her husband, three children to mourn her loss. They are David K.; Nelson H., who died in the army at Pilot Knob, Mo., in 1863; and Josephine, Mrs. George R. Baker, of Mt. Vernon, Knox County, Ohio. Mr. Wilson afterward married Mary Augusta, their wedding being celebrated October 1, 1851. The wife passed from earth January 8, 1855. April 15, 1856, Mr. Wilson and Miss Susan Lybrand were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at Philadelphia, Pa., and they lived together in mutual happiness until Mr. Wilson died, October 5, 1875. Mrs. Wilson died July 30, 1876.

In Salt Creek Township, where our subject was

born, he has continued to make his home up to the present time. He remained under the parental roof in his boyhood, attending the district school, and aiding in the farm work until he was about twenty, when he formed a partnership with his father, and ever afterward managed the place. March 8, 1871, the marriage of our subject to Miss Jennie R. Williams took place, and the union thus formed was a happy one, until the wife died, January 31, 1890, leaving to mourn her loss a bereaved husband and five bright children: Frank K., Willie H., Leslie D., Charley, and Ross J. Mrs. Wilson was born in Clear Creek Township, Fairfield County, this State, July 16, 1845, and was the daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Williams, worthy people who belonged to the farming community of Ohio. She was an intelligent and worthy woman, and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which Mr. Wilson also belongs. In his political belief, he is a member of the Republican party, and, socially, is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, his position among the popular and prominent farmers of Pickaway County being an established one.

NELSON J. DUNLAP, of Pickaway Township, stands among the foremost farmers and stockmen who have played such an important part in the development of Pickaway County within the last quarter of a century. He is an extensive land-holder, has a large and well-conducted farm, that is a model in all respects, and he is greatly interested in raising horses and other stock of the finest breeds. He did gallant service in the navy during the late war, and has been a conspicuous figure in the political and civic life of this section since coming here.

Our subject is one of Ohio's native-born sons, Chillicothe his birthplace, and May 30, 1843, the date of his birth. His father, whose given name was John, was born in Virginia in 1811, and was a son of a Virginian farmer, who bore the same name as himself. John Dunlap, Sr., came to Ohio as early as 1798, and took up land in Ross County, about six miles north of Chillicothe, and there he carried on farming until his death, at an advanced age, in 1856. The father of our subject was one of six children, and came to Ohio with the family in 1825, when he was a boy. After he attained manhood, he bought some land in Ross County, and became a very successful farmer, dying in 1878, at a ripe old age. He married Mary A. Manier, a native of Ross County, and a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Manier, who were born in Maryland, and were early settlers of Ross County. She is still living, at the age of seventy-three years, and is an honored member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Of six sons, five of whom are living, our subject is the second in order of birth. He was carefully reared in the pleasant home of his childhood on his father's farm, and at the district school laid the foundation of his education, which was afterward carried on at Mt. Pleasant Academy, which he attended a short time, and at a Commercial College at Chillicothe, where he pursued a regular business course, and subsequently taught two terms. But November 19, 1863, he threw aside all personal considerations to join the navy, becoming a member of the Mississippi squadron, having previously had a little experience as a soldier at the time of Morgan's raid, traveling through Ross, Jackson and other counties, and all through Southern Ohio on a scouting expedition after that dashing rebel raider; he also took part in the Kirby Smith raid, those in pursuit being known as the "squirrel hunters." About a month after he enlisted, he was detailed to the Paymaster's Department, and had charge of stores, clothing, etc., acting as purser-steward for the balance of his term. His term of enlistment expired January 1, 1865, and he was honorably discharged at Memphis, with a well-earned record for fine soldiership and general efficiency wherever he had been placed.

Returning to Ross County after he left the army, our subject turned his attention to the peaceful pursuit of agriculture, which Horace Greeley so aptly termed "the noblest of profes-

sions." In 1868, he came to Pickaway County, and purchased a part of the farm upon which he now resides. He has replaced an old log cabin with a fine, large and conveniently arranged house, and has otherwise greatly improved his homestead and farm, of which three hundred acres lie around his home and the remaining six hundred acres near by, this property being among the most desirable estates in the county. It is well watered, the head waters of Congo Creek passing through it, besides several fine springs in different parts of the farm; extensive tiling has also been done, so that the drainage is perfect. It is very advantageously located on the Maysville and Zanesville Turnpike, which passes by the west end of the home farm.

Mr. Dunlap deals in stock very heavily, feeding several carloads of cattle each year, and raises many horses, his stock all being high grade. He is one of the wealthy men of Pickaway County, although he began life with limited means. He needed no other capital than his capacity for well-directed labor, his quick perceptive powers, his clear insight into business methods, and his systematic and judicious manner of conducting his affairs. He is one of the leaders in finances in this part of the State, being Vice-president and Director of the Scioto Valley Bank, at Kingston, which owes in part its high standing as an important factor in the business world to his connection with it, and he is also President of the Kingston Tile Company. He is prominently known in political circles as a representative Republican, whose counsel is valued at district, county and State conventions, which he has often attended as a delegate. He is distinguished in the annals of the party in this region as the first Republican elected to the office of Treasurer in this township, which position he held two terms. He is one of the charter members of the local grange, and has held all the offices therein from that of Master down. Both he and his wife are among the most active members of the Presbyterian Church at Kingston.

Mr. Dunlap was married, December 11, 1867, to Miss Elizabeth Bell, who presides graciously over their beautiful home, and pleasantly aids him in dispensing its abundant hospitalities to any friend who may happen beneath their roof. Mrs. Dunlap was born and reared near Chillicothe, and is a daughter of Hugh and Lavina (Renick) Bell. Her father is a prosperous farmer, living near Chillicothe. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap have had five children: Mary, Renick, Nellie, Alice, and one who died in infancy. Mary is finely educated and quite accomplished, and a talented and trained artist. After attending Oxford Female College, two years were spent by her in an art school at Toledo, and one year in another art school at Columbus. She has a fine collection of paintings that are the work of her hand, and wherever she has exhibited her pictures, she has been awarded premiums for her brilliant and artistic work. Renick is pursuing a course of studies at Columbus, and the two youngest children are in school at Kingston.

JEFFERSON E. VALENTINE, who is a prominent and enterprising resident of Washington Township, Pickaway County, was born in Frederick County, Md., September 20, 1837. He is a son of Henry Valentine, also a native of that State, who emigrated to Ohio in 1851, and, after making his home for a few years in the above-named township, died in 1854. He was a member in good standing of the Lutheran Church, to which society he was a liberal and cheerful contributor.

The maiden name of our subject's mother was Sarah Eccard. She was a native of the same State as was her husband and passed away when in her seventy-eighth year, firm in the faith of the United Brethren Church. She became the mother of six children, only four of whom are living. Mr. Valentine by a previous marriage had born to him a family of four children. Our subject was the eldest of the parental family and was fourteen years of age when the removal was made to this State. He was reared on the home farm and was permitted to attend school only a few months in the winter. After the death of his father, the care of his mother and the rest of the

family fell upon his young shoulders, and, bravely assuming the responsibility, he carried on the farm, thus providing them with the necessities of life.

The original of this sketch operated a farm for several years in Circleville Township and about two years in Pickaway Township. He came to his present residence in Washington Township in 1873, and has thus made his abiding-place here for the past nineteen years. In January, 1865, Mr. Valentine was united in marriage to Miss Susannah, daughter of Daniel M. and Catherine Pontius, the father being born in this county. He was the son of Daniel Pontius, who emigrated from the Keystone State to Ohio in the pioneer days and died after reaching a ripe old age. The father of Mrs. Valentine was one of a family of eight children, three of whom are living. He followed the occupations of a farmer, and at his death had accumulated the magnificent sum of one thousand acres of land, all of which was the direct result of his industry and perseverance, as he started out in life with limited means. He died April 19, 1888, when sixty-nine years of age. Religiously, he was a member of the United Brethren Church. His wife, the mother of Mrs. Valentine, was known in her maidenhood as Catherine Klar. She was born in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, and is still living, being sixty-nine years of age. She is also identified with the United Brethren Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine, of this sketch, have had thirteen children, namely: Clinton B., deceased; Gertrude, Arthur, Saddie, Victor, Harry, Jennie, Daisy, Cora, Bertha, Alice, Edna and Monroe. Miss Gertrude married William Warner and is at present residing at Circleville. In politics, our subject is a Democrat and has been a member of the School Board for six years. For eight years, he served as Trustee of his township, and during that long period gave perfect satisfaction to his fellow-townsmen. Mrs. Valentine is identified with the United Brethren Church and is a most estimable lady, active in all good works.

The original of this sketch is the possessor of three hundred and twenty-seven acres of land, situated on sections 15 and 16, where he carries on farming in a most profitable manner. His place is supplied with all the needful farm buildings, the most conspicuous of which is his handsome brick residence, which was erected in 1882. He is engaged in general farming and in raising all kinds of good stock. Mr. Valentine began life by operating a thresher when sixteen years of age, which occupation he has continued more or less since, having threshed on his own account for twenty-five years. He is self-made in the truest sense of that term and ranks high among the progressive and well-to-do residents of Pickaway County.

HON. HOMER S. QUINN, M. D. But few men have led a more active life than has our subject nor one that has yielded better fruits. Well-born and well-bred, his successes have been easy and assured. He is the son of the Rev. Isaac Quinn, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1784. His mother was Cynthia Witten, and was born in Tazewell County, Va., in 1790. The former was a clergyman in the Episcopal Church, but during his ministry he fitted himself for the practice of medicine, which he began in Virginia, soon after the close of the War of 1812. He remained in that State until 1830, when, with his family, consisting of his wife and six children, he came to Ohio and settled in Highland County, where he continued in active practice until his death, which occurred in October, 1843, his wife having passed away before him in 1867. Of the nine children born to them, six were sons and three daughters.

Homer Quinn was the youngest of his father's family, and was born in Highland County, February 28, 1839. He received a common-school education and afterward attended the Greenfield Seminary. He was engaged in farming until about 1859, when he began the study of medicine in connection with his brother, the late Dr. Jehu H. Quinn, of New Vienna, Clinton County. Our subject attended lectures at the medical college in Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in the spring of

1862. In July of the same year, he settled in West Jefferson, where he has since been in constant practice.

In the fall of 1877, Dr. Quinn was elected on the Democratic ticket to the Sixty-third General Assembly of Ohio, and served for one term. He has filled the office of Township Clerk, also that of Treasurer, and has been a member of the Union School Board. He takes an active part in all local and political affairs and is a straight-forward Democrat in his political preference. Fraternally, our subject is a member of West Jefferson Lodge No. 412, I. O. O. F., and belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

Dr. Quinn was married in West Jefferson, April 27, 1870, to Miss Bettie B. Putnam, who is a native of that city. The lady is a daughter of the late Horace Putnam, who was filling the office of Treasurer of Madison County at the time of his death. Her mother's maiden name was Narcissus Mantle. Dr. Quinn is one of the leading citizens of West Jefferson and is widely known throughout this portion of the State. He is a man who aims high, and seldom fails in what he undertakes.

ALBERT T. CORDRAY. London Village counts among its most prominent and able citizens the gentleman whose name appears above. Many are the legal frays in which he is engaged, for he is an Attorney-at-law and Notary Public, and has the bulk of such business done in this place. Our subject was born at Uhrichsville, Tuscarawas County, this State, July 26, 1861. He is of most worthy parentage, being the son of Thornton and Hannah (Scott) Cordray, both natives of Tuscarawas County.

Our subject's father was for many years engaged as a bridge-builder for the public roads, and was the owner of a portable sawmill. The first break which came in his employment of this character was when he enlisted in the Civil War. He joined the Fifty-first Ohio Infantry in the month of September, 1861, and faithfully served until he yielded up his life a willing sacrifice to the principles of freedom and union. His death occurred at the battle of Chickamauga, where he was shot September 19, 1863. He served for some time in his regiment as Orderly-Sergeant, and it is recorded of him that until the time of his death he missed no battle in which his regiment was engaged. The Republican principles were dear to him.

Our subject's mother is now a resident of New Philadelphia, this State. Albert Cordray is the only child given to the care of this worthy couple, and he was reared as tenderly as circumstances would permit. The first of the Cordray family to settle in the Buckeye State was Isaac Cordray, grandfather of our subject, who, with his wife, Elizabeth (Young) Cordray, came hither from Maryland at an early day, and, taking up a section of land in Tuscarawas County, devoted himself to farming. He had a family of five children. He is deceased, but his wife still survives at the age of eighty-eight. Our subject's maternal grandparents were Samuel and Margaret McGuire, also natives of Tuscarawas County. They were all workers of the soil, and the family numbered, as did that of his father's father, five children.

Albert Cordray received the greater part of his education at New Philadelphia, where he remained until fifteen years of age. After that, he spent two winter terms of school in Union Township, and then attended the National Normal University at Lebanon, from which he graduated in the scientific course in 1883. After completing his university course, our subject went to Mt. Sterling and spent two years there as Principal of the grammar department of the school, and was Superintendent of the same school for two years. The following seven months were diversified by an experience as commercial traveler. It was a rest and change, but our subject had other ambitions. His spare time during this period was taken up in reading law, and he was admitted to the Bar March 5, 1891. Soon after he opened an office at London Village, and has been successful in his practice to a gratifying degree since that time.

Our subject's marriage took place in 1883, when he was united to Miss Emma Kennedy, of Urichsville. They are both enterprising, ambitious young people, who are satisfied only with the best ele-

ments of social enjoyment. They have one son, whose name is George. Mr. Cordray is in his political preference a Republican. Fraternally, he is a Mason, and is also numbered among the Knights of Pythias. Already well known as a lawyer of ability in his county, one is justified in expecting of him a prominent success.

MICHAEL HERBERT, Teller of the People's and Drovers' Bank of Washington C. H., was born near the city of Limerick, Ireland, September 25, 1829. His parents were James and Ann (Massie) Herbert. He received his education in Ireland, whence, with his father's family, he emigrated to Canada, in 1840. Two years later, at London, in the now Province of Ontario, but then Canada West, where the family had located, he began the study of the printing business, in the office of the *Times*, then published by Henry C. Grant, its founder, as the Conservative, or Tory, organ at that point. After having acquired a practical knowledge of "the art preservative," he migrated to Cincinnati, Ohio, in May, 1850, and there remained, engaged in business pursuits, until the autumn of 1855, when he became a resident of Washington C. H., accepting at the time the foremanship of the office of the *Register*. While thus employed, he performed much editorial work on that journal.

During the sojourn of Mr. Herbert in the Queen City, he became acquainted with Elgar Brown Pearce, editor and founder of the *Washington Register*, and to the intimacy thereby formed may be attributed the direct cause of his change of residence and location, as mentioned, at the county seat of Fayette.

On the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Herbert became a member of the first military company recruited in Fayette County by Capt. John M. Bell, an uncle of his wife, in response to the call of President Lincoln for seventy-five thousand volunteers to aid in suppressing the great rebellion. The company was mustered into service at Camp Jackson, near Columbus, as Company F of the Twenty-second Ohio Infantry. It served for four months, the scene of its campaigning being chiefly on "the sacred soil of the Old Dominion." After he was mustered out, Mr. Herbert did not again enter the service, but resumed his labors in the office of the *Register*, and there continued until about the time of the death of its publisher, his old-time friend, Elgar B. Pearce.

On the 1st of January 1866, Mr. Herbert was employed as book-keeper in the First National Bank of Washington C. H., and was appointed Teller thereof in 1868. When that institution left the National fold and entered the private banking field, he retained his position as Teller, and at this time (September, 1892) still continues to officiate in that capacity. He was Treasurer of the first, second and third building and loan associations organized in Washington—the Fayette, Enterprise and Homestead.

The residence of Mr. Herbert, which is pleasantly located on the southeast corner of North and Cherry Streets, is presided over by his accomplished wife, who was known in maidenhood as Virginia Bell Knight. She is a granddaughter of Col. Joseph Bell, who was a well-known pioneer of the Fayette and Highland section of Southern Ohio. She was born in Bellefontaine, this State, and in infancy was taken by her parents to New Orleans, where her father, Salathiel F. Knight, was for some time engaged in conducting a brokerage and commission business, and where, in 1840, yellow fever caused his death. Two of his infant children, James Austin and Joseph Rufus, also died in the South.

Mr. Knight and Jane Bell (mother of Mrs. Herbert) were united in marriage on the 29th of July, 1828. Shortly after the death of Mr. Knight, the mother and three children, Joseph, Verrelle S. and Virginia B., returned to the old Col. Bell homestead at Washington C. H., and since that time this city has been the permanent home of Mrs. Herbert. Virginia B. Knight and Elgar B. Pearce were married in 1857, and to them were born two children: Elizabeth B., wife of John Logan, an attorney of Washington C. H.; and Fannie A., wife of Alex. S. Ballard, Teller of the Commercial Bank. Mr.

and Mrs. Ballard have one child, a son, Charles Pearce, who has just entered school. He was born October 12, 1886.

Mrs. Pearce became the wife of Mr. Herbert on the 20th of January, 1870. She has been a member of the Presbyterian Church about twenty-five years. They have one son, Willard Robinson, who was born August 30, 1874. He is a graduate of the Washington High School, and is now (July, 1892) one of the clerical force of the bank wherein his father has so long been engaged in business conduct.

The mother of Mrs. Herbert was twice married, her second husband being James Madison Jenkins, now deceased. Mrs. Jenkins died at her residence, now the home of Mrs. Herbert, June 6, 1888. The parents of Mr. Herbert are both dead.

JOHN WESLEY CHENOWETH. The gentleman whose name figures above may be counted among the prominent farmers and stock-raisers of Madison County, where his home is pleasantly located in Range Township. He is a native of this county, having been born in Pleasant Township, September 9, 1846, to J. B. and Eliza (Foster) Chenoweth, for a further history of whom the reader is referred to their sketch in another portion of this work.

He of whom we write is the third in order of birth in a family of nine children. He has been a resident of Range Township since two years of age, and remained at home aiding in carrying on the farm until twenty-five years old, when he began life on his own account. Mr. Chenoweth was married October 22, 1872, to Miss Amanda Aletha Henry, of Bloomingburgh, Fayette County. She departed this life December 18, 1874, and our subject, returning home, resided with his father one year and then went to his farm, where he remained three years prior to his second marriage, when he was married to Miss Sarah Caroline Creath, who was born in Mt. Sterling, February 23, 1852, and is the daughter of Owen M. and Harriet E. (Loofbourrow) Creath. She received her early education in the schools of her district and attended three months at London, this State. When eighteen years of age, she began teaching school, which occupation she followed for nine years with signal success.

In April, 1879, John W. Chenoweth moved to the place were he is at present residing, the estate, which includes two hundred and sixteen acres, being his portion of the old home farm. He has erected splendid outbuildings on the place, not the least conspicuous among which is his commodious residence. He has laid many rods of tiling and placed his farm under such excellent cultivation that it ranks among the very best in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Chenoweth have two children: Mary Browning, who was born January 12, 1882, and Helen Bernice, who was born July 7, 1888. Our subject in his political relations is a Republican, casting his first vote in 1868 for U. S. Grant. He has represented his party at various times in the county and congressional conventions and is a most active worker in its ranks. With his wife, he is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which body he occupies the position of Trustee.

NELSON P. CHENOWETH, a farmer and stock-raiser, residing in Range Township, was born April 26, 1851, in the township which is still his home. His parents were Jeremiah B. and Eliza (Foster) Chenoweth. He was reared to manhood on his father's farm and acquired a common-school education. He began for himself when about twenty years of age, and as a companion and helpmate in life's journey, he chose Miss Louisa Daugher, of Worthington, Ohio. She was born in the city of Columbus, November 7, 1853, and is a daughter of Charles and Mary Ann (Rentz) Daugher. Her parents were both natives of Germany. They crossed the Atlantic in the same vessel and were married after reaching New York.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Chenoweth was celebrated October 13, 1875, and by their union

have been born two children, sons: John Howard, born in Range Township, July 6, 1876, and Walter Scott, born on the 16th of October, 1878.

Mr. Chenoweth is now the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and six acres of valuable land, forty of which he purchased himself, while the remainder he inherited from his mother. It was a part of the farm owned by James Foster, the maternal grandfather of our subject. Mr. Chenoweth has made many excellent improvements thereon. In 1883, he built his present commodious and elegant residence, which is the abode of hospitality. He has his farm well tiled, and the neat appearance of the place indicates the thrift and enterprise of the owner.

In politics, Mr. Chenoweth is a stalwart Republican but is not a politician in the sense of office-seeking. He has served as a delegate to the county conventions of his party and has frequently served as a Judge of the elections. He is a man highly esteemed for his sterling worth and integrity. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic lodge of Sedalia, being initiated into its mysteries in 1886, and has served as Junior Warden. His estimable wife is a member of the Methodist Church at Bethel Chapel. She is a faithful worker in the Sunday-school and takes an active interest in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. This worthy couple, so widely and favorably known in the community, well deserve representation in this volume.

MANFRED B. GRUBBS, who has been proprietor of the *Register-Democrat* at Washington C. H. since January 1, 1888, is a native of this place, having been born February 21, 1838. His parents were Stephen and Diana (Holland) Grubbs, the father coming to this county from Frederick County, Va., in 1811, when a lad of twelve years.

The paternal grandparents of our subject, Daniel and Sarah Grubbs, located in Marion Township, Fayette County, when the country was a wilderness, and built up for themselves a good home. In that early day, the country roundabout abounded in wild animals, and Daniel Grubbs, who was a good marksman, spent many a pleasant hour in that pastime, and in that way kept the family larder constantly supplied with fresh meat.

Stephen Grubbs was married when nineteen years of age, and in 1822 began farming on land, which he had purchased adjoining what was then the village of Washington C. H., and which now forms part of the site of that flourishing city. He died in 1872 at his home, which was only a short distance from the present abiding-place of our subject.

The original of this sketch was given an excellent education, and when sixteen years of age commenced teaching school, and at odd times worked at his trade of a carpenter, which he had learned from his father. In 1860, he added contracting to his business, and there are now in this county no less than one hundred houses that are monuments to his labor.

In 1883, Mr. Grubbs launched out in the newspaper business, moving to North Vernon, Ind., where he purchased the *Sun*. After a period of four years spent in the Hoosier State, he returned to this place and started the Fayette County *Democrat*, which fourteen weeks later he consolidated with the Democratic organ of the county, the *Ohio State Register*, and the following fall bought the entire plant. Since that time, he has been devoting his entire time and attention to editing the *Register-Democrat*, the consolidated papers.

Manfred B. Grubbs and Miss Ellen D., daughter of Moses Adams, of New Holland, Pickaway County, were united in marriage July 31, 1860. To them has been granted a family of five children: Werter B., Charles M., Stephen A., Bessie C. and Mayme. The eldest son married Miss Fannie Crosby, of Indianapolis, and now resides in Louisville, Ky., where he is State Agent of the Employers' Liability and Assurance Company, of London, England. He is the father of twin sons, Edwin and William, and an infant daughter. Charles M. Grubbs married Mrs. Bertie Bent, of Mt. Sterling, Ky., where he is now Cashier of the

new Farmers' Bank in that city. Stephen A. married Miss Louise, daughter of Dr. E. C. Hamilton, of Washington C. H. She departed this life in September, 1889, leaving a little girl named Millicent. Stephen A. is an expert musician, and has traveled all over the United States in such capacity.

Our subject has always been an ardent Democrat, but has never sought political preferment.

WILLIAM STUMPF. Throughout Pickaway County and, indeed, in many portions of the State, this gentleman is well known as the owner of a splendid farm on section 25, Salt Creek Township, and also as the fortunate possessor of a number of fine horses. Upon his farm may be noticed a number of imported English coach horses and two imported Percherons, one of which, eight years old, is among the best in the State. For three years he has made a specialty of breeding draft horses, in which he is very successful, and for some time was deeply interested in road horses. He is now in the prime of life and will undoubtedly attain fortune and fame in the pursuit of his chosen occupation.

On the old homestead in Salt Creek Township, Mr. Stumpf was born, October 22, 1856. He is the grandson of one William Stumpf, who was a native of Berks County, Pa., and removed thence to Ohio at a very early day, entering land from the Government and clearing from the forests a pleasant home for his family. At that early time, the woods were dense and filled with bears, wolves and other game, and the surrounding country was sparsely settled. William Stumpf, Sr., built and operated a distillery on his farm and hauled the whiskey to Chillicothe with a six-horse team. It was his frequent custom to drive cattle over the mountains to Philadelphia, and he engaged in the pursuits of pioneer life until his death, which occurred at the age of eighty-eight years.

The father of our subject, Charles Stumpf, was born on the farm which his father pre-empted from the Government, June 27, 1833, and was one of six children, two of whom are deceased. His boyhood was passed in rural pursuits and he early gained a practical knowledge of agriculture, which he followed throughout his entire life. His death occurred in 1880, upon the old homestead where first his eyes opened to the light. He was prominent in the community and a faithful member of the German Lutheran Church. In connection with general farming, he engaged, to some extent in buying and selling stock, an enterprise in which he was successful. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Swaget, was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, and died five years after the demise of her husband. In her religious belief, she was identified with the German Lutheran Church and was a sincere Christian.

The only child of this family beside our subject is a daughter, Caroline, now Mrs. Simon P. Baldazer, of Ross County. William is the younger child and the only son. Our subject's farm comprises two hundred and thirty-two acres and, as has been already stated, is devoted both to general farming and stock-raising. Mr. Stumpf has exhibited his stock at various State fairs and has been awarded the sweepstakes, which proves the high grade of his stock, for Ohio is justly noted for its fine stock. With the exception of a few years, during which he was engaged in the mercantile business in Laurelville, Mr. Stumpf has always resided on the home farm, taking charge of it upon his father's death. His character is irreproachable, and his enterprise has justly gained for him a position among the substantial citizens of Pickaway County.

JAMES T. WALLACE, the efficient Sheriff of Pickaway County, who is serving his second term in that office, was born in Nelson County, Va., on the 8th of June, 1831. His grandfather was also a native of that State and came from an old Virginian family. He served in the War of 1812, and was a farmer by occupation. Andrew Wallace, father of our subject, was born in Nelson County, Va., and, like his father, was a soldier in the War of 1812. He fol-

lowed farming near Livingston, and also engaged in school teaching. His death occurred at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was a Democrat in politics, and long served as Justice of the Peace. From his youth, he was an active member of the Methodist Church and served as its Class-leader. He married Elizabeth Erisman, a native of Virginia, and her death occurred at the age of sixty-five. They had a family of ten children, seven of whom are yet living.

Our subject was the eighth in order of birth. He spent his boyhood days upon the home farm until eighteen years of age, and acquired his education in a log schoolhouse, with its huge fireplace, slab seats and other primitive furniture. At the age of sixteen, he was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade, serving a term of four years, and was then journeyman for two years. Before leaving his native State, he was married, in 1851, to Miss Virginia Pugh, who was born in Nelson County, and is a daughter of John Pugh, a farmer of that locality.

In 1854, Mr. Wallace brought his family to Ohio, locating in Williamsport, where he established a blacksmith, wagon and repair shop. He there engaged in business in that line for thirty-five years, with the exception of eighteen months spent in Shelby County, where he was also engaged in blacksmithing. At different times he purchased land and owned twenty-eight acres near Kinderhook Station, where he carried on blacksmithing until 1888. In that year, he was nominated and elected on the Democratic ticket as County Sheriff, and entered upon the duties of the office January 1, 1889. He was re-elected in 1890, and is now serving his fourth year. This is the best county jail in the State and is neatly and tastefully kept. Mr. Wallace has ever faithfully and promptly performed his duties, and has frequently displayed much bravery. On one occasion he arrested eighty Italians with the aid of only three men.

The death of Mrs. Wallace occurred in 1876. Eight children were born of that union, six of whom are living: John A., a traveling salesman residing in Columbus; Charles T., a grocer of Kinderhook; James F., a farmer of Kinderhook; Elizabeth, wife of T. R. Carter of the same place; William C., who for seven years has held a position in the Union Depot at Columbus, and Cary N., a painter of Columbus; George died, aged four years, and one in infancy. For his second wife, Mr. Wallace chose Miss Julia A. Fox, a native of Nelson County, Va., who died in Kinderhook. He was then married in that place to Martha V. Counts, a native of Ross County, Ohio.

In politics, Mr. Wallace is a stalwart Democrat, and has served as a member of the County Central Committee, and as a delegate to the county and State conventions. He has served as School Director and School Clerk, and the cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend. When about twenty-one years of age, he joined the Methodist Church, has since been a consistent member and has served as Trustee. The efficient manner in which he discharges his public duties has won him universal commendation.

GEORGE E. SMITH. In these days of agricultural improvements, when horse and steam have done away almost entirely with man power, the dealer in improved agricultural implements has everything in his favor, for machines will wear out and every farmer must have them in order to maintain the balance of production. Our subject is one of the largest dealers in agricultural implements in the Scioto Valley and is greatly interested in threshers and steam-power machines. He is a man whose motto is, "Grit and gumption win where money fails."

Mr. Smith was born in Allen County, near Lima, June 20, 1861. His father, Samuel Smith, who was a farmer by occupation, was a native of Amanda Township, Fairfield County, while his grandfather, John M. Smith, was a native of Berks County, Pa. Having married when a young man in his native State, he and his wife set out for a new locality and fixed upon Amanda Township, where he died. After the marriage of our subject's father, he went to Allen County and was there engaged in farming, and in 1863 he located at Clear Creek. Dur-

ing the late war, he responded to the last draft and served until the close of the war. Later he purchased a comfortable little farm seven miles from Circleville. His wife was in her maiden days Miss Esther Conrade. Her father, George Conrade, was a native of Pennsylvania, and, like our subject's paternal grandparents, early settled in Clear Creek, where he was a farmer. He died at the age of eighty-eight years.

Our subject is one of six children that gladdened the house of his parents. They are Ella, Mrs. Morgan, of Clearport; he of whom we write; Mary, residing in Licking County; Eliza, who still lives at home; Daniel J., who is in the employ of our subject, and Mollie M., who is Mrs. Trone and resides in Washington Township. Mr. Smith was reared in Clear Creek and Amanda Townships. He attended the district schools until seventeen years of age, when he was sent to the Union school at Delaware for one year. He learned to appreciate the advantages that he had, in that he was obliged to earn them himself, working during the summer that he might attend school during the winter. In the fall of 1879, he entered the Lebanon Normal School, remaining there three terms. In the fall of 1880, he entered the Normal Institute at Danville, Ind., and there spent one year. In the spring of 1881, he was graduated, being proficient in book-keeping and the higher branches as taught there.

On returning from school, our subject engaged in teaching at Clear Creek but did not much like the work. He then entered the employ of Mr. Wardell, of Circleville, occupying the position of book-keeper in the implement house. He was also engaged in canvassing for three years, or until his employer died in 1884. Our subject was instrumental in settling Mr. Wardell's estate, having been appointed assistant administrator. He remained in the employ of Mr. Wardell's successor, Mr. Reiche, for two years. In the fall of 1888, he started in business for himself. He purchased the old coliseum and converted it into a storeroom. Although he began with but little means, he has been eminently successful in his endeavors and his business has been constantly increasing in proportion. Especially has he been pursuing the sale of threshers and steam-engines in Pickaway, Fairfield, Licking, Franklin, Hocking and Ross Counties, and, in fact, has the control of the steam-engine business of the county. He also handles bicycles in his establishment, the dimensions of which are 58x97 feet. He is a strong fraternity man. In his political belief, he is a true-blue Republican. In his church preference, he is a Trinity Lutheran.

THOMAS UCKER. If there is any high road to success, it is only found through the paths of energy and industry, and these paths our subject, who is a brilliant business man of Circleville, is treading constantly. He is a substantial and self-made man. Mr. Ucker is the proprietor of the largest grocery business in the town, and has brought to its management all his common sense and ability. He was born in Amanda Township, Fairfield County, June 18, 1838, and is a son of Andrew Ucker, who came to this country from Germany with his parents when but thirteen years of age. They first located in Berks County, Pa., and about 1833 or 1834, came to Ohio and located in Amanda Township.

Our subject's father was a saddler and harness-maker by trade, and although he lived on a farm, he was engaged in manufacturing harness, leaving the active management of the farm to his sons. He was the owner of one hundred and sixty-five acres at this place and two hundred acres more elsewhere. In 1864, he removed to Walnut Township, and there died in 1880, at the age of seventy-five years. He was a Catholic in his religious views.

Our subject's mother was born in Berks County, Pa., and, like her husband's family, made an early settlement in Ohio. The mother still survives at the age of eighty years. She reared ten boys and four girls, two of whom are now dead. The family is scattered. Our subject was the sixth child in order of birth. He was reared on the home farm, where he remained until 1864. During the winters he attended the district school, his first experience in this direction being in a log

schoolhouse with slab seats at Cedar Hill. When twenty-two years of age, he, with a brother, began farming for himself. After two years' experience of this kind, he went with his youngest brother, Joseph, to Wayne Township, and there operated four hundred and twenty acres of land. He was thus employed for some time, and then assumed charge of his father's farm, finally coming to Walnut Township. He has been very successful in his agricultural experiments and accumulated a comfortable sum of money, but was obliged to give up his farming on the death of his wife, who left him with three little children to care for.

For six years Mr. Ucker was employed in different places. In 1877, he served as partner in the grocery business with a cousin in Columbus. On a second time marrying, he located where he now resides. He started in business January 23, 1878. Although he began in a humble way, he purchased a valuable location, built a fine block, and subsequently added here until his block now has a frontage of forty-seven feet and is fifty feet deep. It is occupied by two stores. Here Mr. Ucker carries on a general grocery and produce business, his stock being first-class in every respect.

Our subject's first wife was Miss Catherine Hutchinson, a native of Amanda Township. Their union was solemnized in 1864. She was the mother of three children, who were bereft of her care in 1872. The children are as follows: Olive, now Mrs. Stockland; Henrietta and Catherine. In his second marriage, Mr. Ucker was allied to Miss Mary Wear, their wedding occurring in 1878. Politically our subject is a Democrat. In his religious views he is a Catholic. He has served as Township Treasurer for seven years.

CHARLES G. DUFFY. Among the successful young attorneys of Circleville, there is probably no one more in touch with that wide-awake public spirit which is promoting the welfare of the city along the lines of general culture and philanthropy, than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. Undoubtedly, there is no one so young as he who has achieved greater success in his chosen profession, and his friends entertain great hopes for the future of one so endowed in intellect and gifted in mind.

James Duffy, father of our subject, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and emigrated from his native village, Westport, to America when he was eleven years old, locating in Circleville about 1850. He was apprenticed to William Bauder to learn the trade of a carriage-maker, and in 1861 enlisted in the Civil War as a member of the Thirtieth Ohio Infantry, serving with valor for three years and participating in more than twenty engagements. He was wounded in a skirmish, but with that exception escaped uninjured.

Returning to Circleville, Mr. Duffy was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Bayer, who was born in New York City, the daughter of Samuel Bayer. Her father emigrated from Bavaria, Germany, to America, settling first in New York and afterward coming West as far as Ohio. After his marriage, Mr. Duffy was for two years engaged as foreman in a carriage manufactory at Louisville, whence he returned to Circleville and embarked in that business on his own account. He was thus engaged until his death, which occurred in 1884, at the age of forty-five years. He was a Catholic and a member of Groce Post No. 156, G. A. R. His widow still makes her home in Circleville and carries on business as a milliner on Main Street.

Our subject has passed the most of his life in Circleville, where he was born in 1869, the third among seven children. His education was commenced in the excellent schools of this city, and he graduated from the High School in 1885, at the age of fifteen, and enjoys the distinction of having been the youngest graduate in Circleville. When his literary studies were terminated, he commenced to read law with A. R. Bolin, with whom he studied for two years. In 1888, he entered the law department of Yale College and graduated two years later with the degree of LL. B. While there, he won the Seymour prize of $60 for greatest improvement made in the two years' course.

Returning to Circleville, Mr. Duffy remained there until he was twenty-one years old, when he went to Columbus and was admitted to practice at

the Bar of Ohio. Thence he proceeded to Cincinnati, and until April, 1891, was in the office of the Hon. Job Stevenson, a prominent attorney of that city. At the date above mentioned, he returned to Circleville and opened an office for the practice of law. He is prominently connected with the Democratic party and has served as delegate to county, congressional and senatorial conventions. He is identified with St. Joseph's Catholic Church, was formerly Secretary of the Knights of St. Joseph and is connected with the Sons of Veterans as a charter member, being A. M Sergeant of E. F. Scott Post No. 502.

JOHN M. NICODEMUS. The genial Mayor of Mt. Sterling, Ohio, whose name appears above, was born in Greencastle Village, Franklin County, Pa., September 24, 1836. He is a son of John and Hariette (Conley) Nicodemus, both parents being natives of the same county and State as our subject. The father was of German, and the mother of Irish, ancestry. The family removed to Circleville at an early day and when our subject was but one year old. They remained there until he had attained the age of eighteen. Prior to that time, he had received a fair common-school education.

After finishing his schooling, our subject began clerking in a hardware store. Indeed, he began this work at sixteen, and at the age of eighteen drove a team and wagon through to Monticello, Ill. He there worked on a farm for two years, it being his first and only experience in agricultural life. He then took a position as clerk in Monticello in a general store, and continued there until enlisting in the army, joining Company H, Ninth Illinois Infantry. During the three months that he was with his regiment, he saw some service and was in the battle of White River. He received his honorable discharge July 26, 1861, but re-enlisted October 26, 1861, in Company G, Sixty-sixth Illinois Infantry, serving with his regiment until his discharge December 22, 1863. He afterward re-enlisted as Corporal in Company G, Sixty-sixth Illinois Veterans, and was discharged July 7, 1865, at Louisville, Ky. He was in all the battles in which his regiment took part, but was never wounded, although in hospital at Rome, Ga., for two months after the battle of Kenesaw Mountain.

Our subject was a participant in the battles of Ft. Donelson, Shiloh, Iuka, Corinth, and, indeed, in all the battles from there to Kenesaw Mountain, which were in order as follows: Philip's Creek, Boonesville (Miss.), Hatchie River, Snake Creek Gap, Resaca, Lay's Ferry, Rome, Cross Roads, Dallas, Howe's Ferry, Decatur (Ala.), Bald Hill, Proctor's Creek, Atlanta from August 11 to 26, Eaton Cross Roads, the siege of Savannah and Bentonville (N. C.) After the war, he took part in the Grand Review at Washington, and after his discharge he returned to Mt. Sterling, Ohio, where his mother had moved during the war.

Our subject is the third in order of birth in a family of seven, four of these being boys and all in the army. Of the four brothers who saw service, all are still living. They are by name, beside our subject, James W., Meredith and Winfield Scott. Mr. Nicodemus was reared a Whig and cast his first ballot, in 1868, for U. S. Grant. He has held various municipal offices and has served as Township Clerk for fourteen years, and Mayor of the city of Mt. Sterling twelve years. He has been a member of the School Board and has always fought for and secured good schools. He has been a delegate to county conventions many times, and Chairman of such conventions thrice. He has also been a delegate to senatorial and State conventions.

Our subject was married December 29, 1865, to Miss Eliza L. Bostwick, of Mt. Sterling, She was born September 20, 1840, near Rutland, Vt., and is a daughter of Frederick and Eliza (Leonard) Bostwick. With her parents she lived in Crown Point, N. Y., for a time, and finally came to Mt. Sterling. The father, who is a carpenter by trade, is still living in Pickaway County. Mrs. Nicodemus is the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, three of whom are living.

Mr. Nicodemus and his wife have been the parents of three children, two of whom are still liv-

ing. They are Howard Logan, who was born December 9, 1866, and Maude, June 27, 1871. They have both been well educated and have had every advantage that an abundant means could procure. Our subject is a Seventh-degree Mason and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are active workers.

J. S. HOWLAND, M. D. Our subject has by strength of purpose and persistency placed himself in the enviable position which he now occupies, that of one of the best known and successful physicians in Plain City, Madison County. He is a self-made man, his father being a poor man who was unable to give his son the educational advantages desired. However, when engaged as a teacher, the Doctor was considered the best educator in this part of the country.

Our subject was born in Brown County, this State, January 28, 1843. He is a son of Jonathan and Jane (Stewart) Howland, both natives of the same State and county as is our subject. They were farmers by occupation. Ichabod Howland, our subject's paternal grandsire, was a native of Massachusetts, who emigrated to Ohio in an early day. Jonathan Howland and his wife, after a residence of twelve years in Brown County, subsequent to their marriage, moved to Pendleton County, Ky., where they were engaged in farming for seven years. They then removed to Adams County, Ohio, locating near Manchester, and for two years carried on a farm at that place. After this, they returned to Kentucky, settling in Lewis County, and spent two years there, after which they occupied a farm in Mason County, Ky., near the city of Maysville; they then returned to Ohio and located on a farm near Russellville, Brown County. After a number of other moves, our subject's father died at the age of fifty-nine years. The mother still lives, her residence being in Plain City. They were the parents of ten children, there being seven daughters and three sons, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood and became the heads of families. Nine of these are still living.

Dr. Howland is the first son and third child in order of birth of his father's family. He continued under the paternal roof until 1862, when he enlisted in the Civil War, joining Company F of the Seventh Ohio Cavalry, with which he remained until the termination of the war. He served under the following distinguished generals: Gilmore, Burnside, Sherman, Thomas (at Nashville) and Gen. Wilson. Our subject was wounded at Dandridge, Tenn., and after a weary siege in hospital, was discharged with the rank of Sergeant, July 11, 1865, receiving his discharge at Nashville, Tenn. During his service, he occupied successfully the following offices: Corporal, Quartermaster, Duty Sergeant, Chief Clerk of Commissary Department, and was further advanced before his discharge.

On leaving the army, our subject returned to Ohio and took up his residence with his father and attended school at Bunker Hill. Later, he was a student at Lebanon, and finally finished his course in Adams County. He began to teach in 1868, giving his attention to scholastic work during the winter and to farming during the summer, and continued in this way until 1875. During this time, he made a reputation as a thorough and efficient master.

January 16, 1868, our subject took upon himself the duties and obligations of married life, his life companion being Miss Louisa Edgington, a native of Brown County. After their marriage, the Doctor located in Union County on a farm, and divided his time and attention as before between farming and teaching. In 1875, the family moved to Union County, where our subject began his medical studies with Dr. A. J. Richardson as preceptor. He remained with him until the fall of 1876, when he entered Miami Medical College, at Cincinnati, Ohio, and took the regular course.

After completing his studies, Mr. Howland went to Bellefontaine and procured a license from the Medical Society to practice medicine. After a

creditable examination, he procured his certificate and located, in 1877, at New California, spending nine years at that place. Dr. Howland, desiring to be familiar with the latest discoveries and methods, in 1886 took a course of medical study at the Starkey Medical College, of Columbus, Ohio, and graduated with the Class of '87 with honor. He has a fine practice in Plain City, and his opinions in regard to professional matters are received with due deference.

Mr. and Mrs. Howland are the parents of three children, one daughter and two sons: Orley is at home and is engaged as a teacher; Irene is the wife of William Kilgore, of Darbyville. The youngest daughter, Jessie, is still at home. Fraternally, our subject is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also Past Commander of Post No. 222, G. A. R., which is named after Harry Scribner. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has identified himself with a number of prominent insurance societies. Politically, he is a Democrat.

MARTIN V. BEAVERS. The original of this sketch is a native of Commercial Point, Pickaway County, where he is at the present time a prominent business man, catering to the needs in the grocery line to the best class of people in the vicinity. March 24, 1839, was his natal day, and during the years that have passed between that date and the present time, the changes in the country have been many. Mr. Beavers is a son of Elisha B. and Jane (Dechert) Beavers. The former was a native of Pike County, this State, and his father was a native of Ireland, who came to America when a mere boy with his parents and settled in Pike County, later removing, however, to Highland County.

Our subject's grandfather reared a large family, and as he was the owner of three hundred and thirty acres of land, he was kept busy improving the same. The family comprised six boys and five girls, all of whom grew to years of maturity and reared families of their own. Our subject's father was educated in the pioneer schools of Highland County. He came to Pickaway County when nineteen years of age and worked for a time on the Ohio Canal. His wife's father was the owner of a tract of eleven hundred acres of land, of which our subject's father purchased a portion. Building a log cabin upon the place, it served as their first home. He was the owner at one time of six hundred acres of land but lost it all before his death going security for friends. He was a hard worker and a good manager and his losses were to be greatly deplored. He died in 1891, at the age of fifty-nine years. Although he was a loyal Democrat in politics, he never aspired to office.

The original of this sketch was one of seven children born to his parents. They were named as follows: Martin V., Margaret, John, Tabitha, Sarah, Elizabeth and Berry. These children were reared in the faith of the Methodist Church. When our subject's maternal grandparents came to this State from Virginia, of which they were natives, there were only five or six houses in the township. The grandfather acquired his property here by trading for it his Virginia land. Their cabin boasted a fireplace of heroic dimensions, being eight feet across, and the brick of which the chimney was made was hardened by the tramping of his horses and cattle. He was obliged to go to Chillicothe to mill.

Martin Beavers was reared on the home farm and educated in the log schoolhouse. He began for himself at the age of twenty-one years, working out six and a half months. Later, he was in a sawmill and then launched into the grocery business, in which he has ever since continued. December 9, 1866, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Hudson, a native of Circleville. Her parents were William and Ruth Hudson, natives of Virgina and West Virginia, respectively. The former was a mason by trade, and died at the age of fifty-nine years. The mother still survives, residing in Circleville at the age of seventy-three. Mr. and Mrs. Beavers have five children, namely: Maud, Chester, Cora, Gertrude and Ray. Owning two hundred and thirty acres of land a short distance from Circleville, our subject rents on shares. He deals more or less in cattle and hogs, shipping them in company with Van Meter to Pittsburg. He has

a butcher-shop and deals in both beef and pork. He also owns a sawmill, and a portable mill which is in demand in various parts of the county. The home occupied by the Beavers family is a large and comfortable residence, which is well and tastefully furnished.

JOHN S. WILSON. Our subject has a beautiful home located five and one-half miles northwest of West Jefferson, in Canaan Township, of which he is a native, having been born here October 4, 1837. He is a son of James and Elenor (Smith) Wilson, both natives of Ohio. Our subject's paternal grandsire was born in Kentucky, and came to Ohio in 1806, locating in Greene County, where he improved a farm.

Our subject's parents met and married in Madison County and settled on a farm in Canaan Township, where the head of the family died when in his seventy-eighth year. The mother still lives, being now seventy-three years old. They were the parents of four children, one daughter and three sons, all of whom are living. They are our subject; V. H., of Deer Creek Township; Thomas B. and Lucy E. The last-named is the wife of Dr. William Beach, of Deer Creek Township.

John S. Wilson is the eldest member of the family. His first schooling was in his native township, and he finished in Deer Creek Township, remaining with his father until reaching his majority, when his parents gave him the tract of land on which he now resides. It is a beautiful place and is thoroughly well cultivated. He devotes himself to general farming, paying, however, a good deal of attention to stock-raising.

The original of this sketch was united in marriage January 14, 1858, to Miss Sylvina McDonald, a native of the same place as he, where she was born December 6, 1838. She is the daughter of John and Sarah (Davidson) McDonald, who were early settlers in Ohio, coming hither in 1810. They are now both deceased. Our subject's farm has passed through but few hands, having been first taken from the Government by Paul Elder, in 1805. It comprises three hundred and seventy-five acres in the home place and an additional two hundred and twenty-five acres in the same township. Beside this, Mrs. Wilson has two hundred acres, making in all nine hundred acres of fertile, well-improved property in Madison County.

Mr. Wilson buys cattle in Chicago, fattens them upon his own place and ships them back to the Chicago market. He has frequently shipped fifty car-loads in one year, and is well known in the county as a large stock-breeder. His dealings in the East are also quite extensive in this direction.

Our subject and his wife are the parents of six children, there being three daughters and three sons. They are James, Flora, Henry, Charles, Ella and Lucy. Fraternally, Mr. Wilson is a member of Lodge No. 222, A. F. & A. M., of West Jefferson.

ABRAHAM TEEGARDIN. Age has set its seal of reverence upon the man whose name adorns this page. Nearly four-score years have passed since it could be said that one of the first white children born in Madison Township, Pickaway County, had made his appearance in the Teegardin family. To-day he is a typical representative of the pioneer who has worked and sacrificed that the locality might be benefited by his labors. The aged patriarch now resides on section 28, of Madison Township. He was born October 14, 1815, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Shook) Teegardin, the first-named a native of the Quaker State, as was also the mother. The paternal grandsire was a German, and his wife a native of Ireland.

In 1811, William Teegardin, our subject's father, set out from Pennsylvania to penetrate the wilds of the then Great West. He got as far as Pickaway County, and decided that the locality was propitious for a homestead for himself and family. He was one of the earliest settlers in the township, having come while the forests were unthreaded by roads, and when the wolves, in the winter time, attracted by the providence of civilization, col-

lected around the cabin and made night hideous with their howls. In fact, they were deterred for a time from building their cabin through fear of the wolves. After a life full of usefulness, but characterized with hardships, the father died in 1871. In his death the locality lost one of her best pioneers.

Our subject was reared to manhood's estate amid scenes of a life little comprehended by the youth of to-day. He has done his share of pioneer work, and many are the acres from which he has felled the trees and cut up the timber. His education was acquired in the primitive log schoolhouse of the time, where in early attendance his little legs dangled helplessly from the slab benches which were held up on wooden pegs. On reaching manhood's estate, he early selected a wife from among the maidens in the settlement, as is customary with pioneers. She was Elizabeth Crum, and ably seconded his efforts in making a livelihood. Of the seven children that she bore him, four still live. They are Catherine A., wife of Ezra Westernhaver, of Shelby County, Ill.; Mary F., wife of John Blakely, of Indiana; Sarah M., wife of George Fridley, of Harrison Township, this county; and John W., who lives at home with his parents.

Our subject married for his second wife Miss Esther Isaman, their marriage having taken place in October of 1868. The lady is a native of Westmoreland County, Pa., and was born October 5, 1825, being a daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Shook) Isaman. She has been a resident of Pickaway County since early in the 50's. She, as well as her husband, has been a close observer of the development of this portion of the State, and has rejoiced in the new conditions of nature and society as seen now. Both Mr. and Mrs. Teegardin have lived lives of usefulness, and have made an effect for good upon the community in which they live. Our subject is naturally a public-spirited man, who delights in giving a push to the wheels of progress. Now, as the shades of evening gently enclose them, they find great pleasure in past experiences. Mr. Teegardin owns one hundred and twenty acres of land, which yield them a pleasant home and good income. To each of his children he has given a fair start in life. He himself is one of twelve children who were born to his parents, but only half of this number are now living. They are Margaret, Aaron W., Daniel, Catherine, Peter and he of whom we write.

GEORGE W. DUFFEE. Our subject is the proprietor of a shoemaking establishment in the city of Washington C. H., Fayette County. He is a son of Charles Duffee, of whom a more extended mention will be made in another portion of this volume, under the sketch of J. W. Duffee. The gentleman whose biography we are considering was born September 19, 1844, in Hocking County, Ohio. His parents moved to Vinton County, this State, our subject being at the time only seven or eight years old. Here he received the major portion of his education, and remained until the year 1859, when he came to his present place of residence in company with his father and brother, and immediately launched into the business in which he is employed at the present time.

On the breaking out of the Civil War, as with nearly all young and patriotic men, Mr. Duffee was fired with the idea of the country's need, and determined to venture his own life and safety in the cause. He enlisted in the army in November, 1861, joining Company C, Sixtieth Ohio Infantry, which was under the command of George B. Gardner. The regiment was organized at Hillsboro, and was placed under the command of Col. Tremble, of that city. On advancing to the front, they were sent first to Gallipolis, and thence to other fields of battle. He was with Gen. Fremont at the battle of Cross Keys, and was also present at the surrender of Harper's Ferry.

On the expiration of his term of service, Mr. Duffee was mustered out, having done gallant duty for a year. He enlisted the second time in Company A, First Ohio Cavalry, joining the company February 18, 1863. From that time on he was a participant in all the campaigns of the desperate struggle which the Army of the Potomac carried on. All honor should be given

our subject by lovers of freedom, in that he was one of the heroes of the battle of Gettysburg. Before he left the Army of the Potomac, our subject was engaged with Gen. Kilpatrick in some of his most daring raids. He was also in the battle of Nashville, and the other conflicts in which he participated are many. He went through to the coast with Gen. Wilson, and on that other memorable march to the sea with Sherman. Mr. Duffee was finally mustered out of the service on the 13th of September, 1865.

On returning from the war, our subject resumed his trade, and also another occupation, which he doubtless found very fascinating, for March 9, 1869, he was married to Miss Mary Ellen Epps, of Circleville, a daughter of T. J. Epps, who was a prominent shoe dealer of that city. Two children have been born to this worthy couple. The elder, Charles Thomas, is engaged in the shoe business at Findlay. William Loren resides at Dayton, where he is engaged as a barber. Our subject is loyal to his old comrades in the Civil War and greatly enjoys his meetings with the Grand Army of the Republican. Politically, he is a Republican, having held the doctrines of that party dear ever since he has been of voting age.

J. B. COLLIER. Possessed of a good name, a good home, family and friends, it would seem as though our subject was only to be congratulated. A resident of Perry Township, Fayette County, Mr. Collier is the son of M. N. Collier, who was born in the State of Virginia, January 30, 1830. Mr. Collier, Sr., came to Ohio with his parents when about fifteen years of age and located at Greenfield; here he attained manhood's years and completed his education.

Prepared to battle successfully with the problems of existence as far as natural resources could help him, our subject's father felt doubly secure when he had acquired a trade, which was that of a saddler. After remaining for a score of years in Greenfield, Mr. Collier, Sr., went to Muncie, Ind., and was there occupied for about five years. The War of the Rebellion breaking out just at this time, he determined to cast his lines with the Union army.

Mr. Collier, Sr., first enlisted in the infantry, but was afterwards changed to the cavalry and was appointed as Saddler of Wilson's Brigade. After he was mustered out of service, he returned to Greenfield and resumed the practice of his trade, pursuing it for about five years. The three following years were spent in Muncie, Ind., and he was then attracted to Texas by the wonderful development of the young State. After pretty thoroughly inspecting the country there, he returned to Greenfield, where he has ever since resided.

Mr. Collier, Sr., married Alvira Hagler, a daughter of Mr. C. W. Hagler, of Washington C. H. and a native of this city. They had but one child, the subject of this sketch. The father is a Republican in his political views and a strong G. A. R. man. He at present makes his home in Washington C. H.

Our subject was born September 22, 1848, in Washington C. H. He received his education in the public schools of the town and completed it in the High School of the city. On finishing his schooling, he went to work for some grain dealers, with whom he remained for two years, and on the expiration of that time he went to McLean County, Ill., where he herded cattle, continuing to be thus employed for six years.

On returning to Washington C. H., he went into the grocery of Messrs. Lee & Stimpson, remaining with them for about a year, and he thence went to work for J. C. King & Company, grocers, continuing with them for three years. Nominated to the office of Constable on the Independent ticket, he made the run successfully and held the office for three years. At the expiration of his first year's service as Constable, he was elected City Marshal and discharged the duties of this office for four years. During that time he was also Chief of the Fire Department.

Mr. Collier was married April 30, 1872, to Miss Ruth H. Gordon, a daughter of Samuel F. Gordon. Mr. and Mrs. Collier are the parents of two children: Martha, who is seventeen years of age and Richard B. Collier, a lad of six years. Politically,

our subject is a Republican. He owns a nice little farm of fifty-eight acres of good land, all of which is thoroughly well improved.

BALDWIN BECHER. Our subject is socially and financially a prominent man in the town of Circleville, and is at the present time a member of the City Council. He has been very successful in business, and the fruits of his labor show in the beautiful home which he owns, and which is graced with the choicest products of art. Mr. Becher was born in Oppurg, Saxony, April 26, 1848. He is a son of Carl and Huldah (Miller) Becher. The father was a prominent manufacturer of silverware. At his death the mother married Dr. Carl Seyfert, a native of Saxony and a graduate of Gena Medical College, being also a graduate of Heidelberg. As a professional man, he was eminently successful and his interests were wide and diverse. He was much interested in politics and an ardent Republican. During the cholera epidemic, he sacrificed himself in his enthusiasm in the work and died a victim in 1868. Our subject's mother for some time resided with her son; her death occurred in 1872. Of the nine children born to Mrs. Seyfert's second marriage, only two are living. Our subject is the only surviving child of the first marriage. His half brother and sister are Max, who is engaged in the restaurant business, and Clara, now Mrs. Hewes, of Kansas City, Mo.

Baldwin Becher until ten years of age went to school in his native land. On coming to America, he crossed the ocean in a sailing-vessel and the trip occupied five weeks. After a short residence in New York, he came to Portsmouth and served as a clerk in an hotel. Opportunities were presented to him that promised well. These he seized and was very successful. He owns some fine property in Circleville, some of it being in business blocks.

Mr. Becher was married, in 1875, to Miss Petra Huffman, a native of Circleville, and a daughter of Peter Huffman, a dry-goods merchant in this city. Two children have come to gladden the home. They are Charles and Baldwin. Mrs. Petra Becher died in 1878. Two years later, our subject wedded Miss Ada Miller, who was born in Waverly and is a daughter of George Miller. Mr. Becher was elected by the citizens of the Fifth Ward to represent them in the City Council. He is Chairman of the Fire Department Committee and serves on various other committees. In his political preference, he is a Democrat, and in his church views he and his family are Lutherans.

WILLIAM C. BEACH. The original of this sketch is distinguished for his public spirit and as being an energetic and representative young man of Jefferson Township. He is extensively engaged in farming, and stock raising and dealing, his interests in this last direction being of wide scope, and he finds markets for his products in both East and West. He is a son of the late Thomas Beach, who was well known in this vicinity. His mother's maiden name was Sylvia Walker, and after their marriage the couple settled in Franklin County, near the Madison County line, where they engaged in farming until the time of the decease of the elder Mr. Beach, which occurred in 1879. The mother still survives. They were the parents of four children, three of these being sons.

Mr. Beach was born in Franklin County, Ohio, May 1, 1860. He was reared on his father's farm, and lived at home until his marriage, which occurred in Madison County, December 25, 1884, his bride being Miss Maud Worthington, a daughter of Mr. M. Worthington, of Canaan Township. The lady was born in the place of her marriage, October 14, 1867. Two children have been given into the charge of this ambitious young couple. They are Thomas M. and Welling.

After the marriage of our subject, he and his wife lived in Canaan Township for some two years, and then removed to Pike Township, where they lived, however, but a short time, finally settling in Jefferson Township. Mr. Beach owns two hun-

dred and twenty acres of fertile, well-cultivated land. Upon this he has erected a fine set of buildings, his residence being all that comfort and taste could ask. He gives his attention exclusively to his farming interests, finding the most lucrative branch of this in his stock-raising.

Politically, Mr. Beach is a Republican, and an ardent advocate of all the tenets of this governmental creed. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and his wife are active workers in the Baptist Church.

WILLIAM H. ALBAUGH, JR. The original of this sketch belongs to a race of men who have been noted for generations for their energy and indomitable will and persistency. Our subject is no exception to these, and to his livery business, as well as his other interests, he brings all the enthusiasm and energy of his active nature. Mr. Albaugh was born here September 26, 1865. His father was William H. Albaugh, who was born near Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in 1833. He was the son of Jacob Albaugh, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Ohio at an early day and engaged in the milling business.

William H. Albaugh, Sr., was reared near Mt. Vernon and Mt. Gilead. Early in the '50s, he went across the plains with an ox-team, following the Kit Carson trail to California. After an eventful journey, in which they had an experience with the hostile Indians, he reached the Golden State, and for some time prospected. Some three years later, he came home because of sickness in his family. After disposing of his business interests, though not satisfactorily, he finally settled in Circleville, and here engaged in the livery business. He purchased the corner that his son now occupies and built upon it a fine block. In the '70s, he went into the undertaking business and was, in whatever he set out in, a thorough business man. In addition to the interests above mentioned, Mr. Albaugh was engaged in the real-estate business and owned a one-half interest in the Pickaway House. His decease occurred April 29, 1891, greatly to the bereavement of the town as well as of his family. He was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Usbeck, of Mt. Gilead. She died in 1865, leaving him three children: Marshall A., now engaged in breeding trotting horses in Melbourne, Australia; Sadie B., now Mrs. Hoover; and our subject.

Mr. Albaugh, Jr., was reared in Circleville and attended the High School here. On reaching his majority, he was taken in by his father as partner in business. He ran the business until 1888, when he took some horses to Melbourne, via San Francisco. With three standard-bred horses, he embarked on the steamer "Almeda," it taking him twenty-five days to reach Sidney. Thence he went to Melbourne, where he remained about five months, and while there visited the mines. In 1889, he returned home and resumed the business with his father. Their livery establishment is the most important in the locality, and they are noted for having bred some remarkably fine horses, "Red Wilkes" being from their barn. The family residence is an imposing looking house on a corner of Franklin Street, and has a large barn in the rear of the place. Fraternally, Mr. Albaugh is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is also an Elk.

CHARLES W. GRAY. Among the representative citizens of Fayette County is Mr. Gray, who is located at Jeffersonville, and is proprietor of one of the largest department stores in that place. Mr. Gray was born May 4, 1853, in the same county where he at present resides. His father, Edward, was a native of Virginia, who removed to the Buckeye State as a pioneer at a very early day. He was a merchant in his younger days. He married Miss Rosaltha A. Berryman, of Highland County, and after a successful career carried on in the merchandising line, he died in Jeffersonville.

The family of which our subject is a member, comprises two sons and four daughters, all of whom are living. Of these, Charles W. is the

eldest. Lizzie is now the wife of F. J. Carpenter, who is at present State Senator. May M. is the wife of A. C. Morrill, of the firm of C. W. Gray. Laura is the wife of H. L. Bendel. Miss Loa is in the Jeffersonville Bank, and Harry is a resident of Canton, Ohio.

Charles W. Gray was reared in the town of his birth and received a good education at the public schools. He later graduated from the Commercial College of Louisville, Ky., finishing his course there in 1873. He immediately after became engaged in mercantile pursuits in connection with his father, the firm name being E. Gray & Son. It was subsequently changed to C. W. Gray & Brother. In November, 1891, Mr. Gray assumed the exclusive control of the business and has since carried it on alone. He is thoroughly conversant with every branch of mercantile life, having, as one might say, been reared in the business. His store is both well stocked and admirably arranged and from it may be obtained anything desired in the mercantile line.

Mr. Gray has been a stanch Republican all his life. He has served in a local capacity as Township Clerk for several terms, and also as Township Treasurer. He is at the present time President of the Jefferson Township Republican League. He is President of the Building & Loan Co., and, in fact, is identified with almost every public enterprise on foot.

Our subject was married in May, 1882, to Miss Alta Bales, of Madison County, this State. Both he and his wife are ardent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Gray is one of the Trustees.

JAMES M. FLANAGAN. One may travel from North to South, from East to West, over the United States, and no more contented citizens will be found than those resident in the fertile valleys of Ohio. Americans, as a rule, are a restless, dissatisfied people, but life in the pleasant, rolling agricultural districts, well watered by beautiful streams and vastly productive of the choicest cereals, is so pleasant that human nature would indeed be ungrateful could it not find here the elements of comfort and peace. Our subject is one of the happy farmer class and a resident of West Jefferson. He devotes his attention principally to general farming, although the stock that dots his meadows is of so choice a breed as to show him an enthusiast in that direction.

Mr. Flanagan is a native of the Land of the Stars and Stripes. His father, James Flanagan, was born in Bedford County, Pa. His mother, Catherine Wherritt, was a native of Funkstown, Md., where she met and married our subject's father. They settled in Shenandoah County, Va., but in an early day came to Madison County, locating in Deer Creek Township in 1853. After a residence of seventeen years there, they moved to Monroe Township, which continued to be their home for eleven years. Here the father died, in the month of January, 1879. He had attained the good old age of seventy-seven years. His wife followed him ten years later, her decease taking place at West Jefferson, at the age of eighty-six years.

James M. Flanagan was the eldest son and second child of the family. He was born in Shenandoah County, Va., September 7, 1832, and accompanied his parents in their different moves to and in Ohio. He lived at home until reaching his majority and was engaged in farming and stock-raising. He was married in Trumbull County, Ohio, in the town of Mecca, December 30, 1868, his bride being Miss Ruth Adeline Wagner, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Fry) Wagner, both natives of Perry County, Pa., who came to Ohio in early youth with their parents. Their marriage occurred in Trumbull County, where they have ever since resided. Of the five children born to this worthy family, Mrs. Flanagan was fourth in order of birth, her advent into the world being March 18, 1842.

After marriage, our subject and his wife settled in Monroe Township. Eleven happy years were spent there and then they moved to Jefferson Township, locating at a distance of about three and a half miles west of West Jefferson. Their home continued to be at this place for three years, and then they settled permanently in West Jefferson,

their removal taking place in November of 1882. Mr. Flanagan has found stock-raising to be pecuniarily a very profitable business and has turned his attention largely to that.

Our subject and his wife are the parents of six children, whose names are as follows: Walter J., Jessie, Charles P., Dallas D., Howard E. and Grace. The boys are stirring, go-ahead young people, who are full of progressive instincts. The daughters are amiable and well trained, accomplished in the arts of the housewife, as well as socially attractive. Our subject, as becomes a loyal citizen, has taken an active part in local and political affairs. Until 1884, he voted with the Democratic party, but since that time his allegiance has been transferred to the opposition. Both he and his wife are active workers in religious affairs, being devoted members of the Baptist Church. Our subject is a public-spirited citizen, who takes delight in offering his time and services where they are most needed in the public interests.

GEORGE B. CANNON. One of the ablest law representatives of Madison County is he whose name appears above. He resides at London, and here enjoys the recognition and support of a large and prominent clientage. Mr. Cannon was born in Pickaway County, January 11, 1851. He is a son of Mathew W. and Mary A. (Lister) Cannon, natives of Johnstown, Pa., and Ross County, Ohio, respectively. Their marriage was solemnized in the Buckeye State, and the husband was engaged in farming until about ten years before the father's death, when he retired from active agricultural life, and lived in Madison until his decease, which occurred in 1884, his wife having died in 1872.

Our subject's father was an ardent Democrat. His mother was a notable Christian woman, and for many years was a member in good standing of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject's paternal grandparents were Jesse and Margaret Cannon, natives of Maryland and farmers by occupation. They came to Ohio in 1811, and settled in Ross County, where they lived and died, after rearing a family of five children. Mr. Cannon's maternal grandparents were William and Mary Lister, natives of Virginia. The former was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was present at the surrender of Hull at Detroit. His death occurred at the great age of one hundred and four years, and the same year that he died he walked a distance of four miles to cast his vote for Tilden and Hendricks.

The original of this sketch was one of twelve children born to his parents, seven of whom are now living: Margaret resides in London; Jane is Mrs. Pelton, of Texas; William lives in Madison County; then comes our subject, followed by Mary, who is Mrs. Johnston, of Madison County; Tabitha H., of Columbus; and Maria, who is Mrs. Johnston, of Kansas.

Our subject was reared on his father's farm, and received the advantages offered in the district schools. He remained at home until twenty years of age, and then spent nine years in teaching school in Madison County. While teaching, he spent his spare hours in conning such legal books as he could get, and had the advantage of reading in the office of the Hon. R. A. Harrison, now of Columbus, though at that time a resident of London. He completed his course of reading with Judge George Lincoln, and was admitted to the Bar April 24, 1878, at Springfield, Ohio. He was, however, obliged to teach school for two years following his admission, in order to enable him to get a start.

Mr. Cannon opened his first office for the practice of law at London, in 1880, where he has since remained. He has been very successful in his legal work, and is much respected and very popular. In 1875, he was elected Township Clerk. Our subject was united in marriage in 1878 to Miss Laura Maxey, a daughter of John T. and Charity (Starr) Maxey. The former was one of the most influential men in Madison County, a farmer by calling, and dealt largely in cattle. Of the family given to him and his wife, Mrs. Mary F. Wilson resides in Champaign County, this State; Stephen A. is a liveryman of South Solon, this State; Miss Eliza-

beth is a missionary sent out by the Methodist Episcopal Church to Calcutta, India; Laura is Mrs. Cannon; Charles S. resides in Champaign County and John W. in Kansas. The family, taken as a whole, is one having sterling worth. Our subject and his wife have a family of three children, whose names are Mary E., Georgia B. and Maxey. Mr. Cannon is in his political faith a Democrat; fraternally he is a Mason. The family have a beautiful home on Washington Avenue, and attractive in every respect.

RICHARD IAMS. About two and one-half miles southeast of Plain City, is a beautiful farm, located very near the P. C. C. & St. L. R. R. It is located in Darby Township, Madison County, and is owned by Mr. Iams, who is one of the old and substantial men of this locality. Our subject was born in Washington County, Pa., December 3, 1822. He is the son of Eli Iams, a native of Maryland, who came to Pennsylvania at the age of twelve years with his parents, Richard and Ellen (Pattengard) Iams. Here our subject's father was reared to years of manhood, and married Miss Phœbe Heckathorne, a native of Loudoun County, Va., who was, however, reared in the Quaker State by her parents, Martin and Catherine (Bottomfield) Heckathorne.

After the marriage of our subject's parents, they settled in Greene County, bordering upon Washington County. They came to Ohio in 1823, and located in Montgomery County, settling on a farm, where they ultimately died, the father at the age of seventy-nine years, the mother being about eighty years. They were the parents of eleven children, there being eight sons and three daughters. Of these, nine grew to manhood and womanhood, and six of them are still living. The original of this sketch is the second child and second son. He was but a year old when brought to Ohio by his parents.

Mr. Iams' first school days were spent in the district schools that were very primitive, both in building and in methods of instruction. He and his brother were the only ones who were taught the English language. Mr. Iams finished his education in the old academy at Dayton, Ohio, leaving school when eighteen years of age. In 1847, he became engaged in the grain business, in partnership with Mr. Reuben Brown, at Dayton, Ohio, continuing this connection for two years, after which he went into the grocery business at the same place.

In 1849, our subject was married to Miss Phœbe Jane Thompson, a native of Montgomery County. He continued in the grocery business until 1851, when he became interested in the railroad business as a contractor and Superintendent. Our subject came to his present farm about 1856, and has ever since been a resident here. He owns about seven hundred acres of land, and all the improvements upon the place have been made by himself. The place is thoroughly drained and fenced. His buildings are first-class, and his home was erected at a first cost of $4,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Iams are the parents of five sons, whose names are Alfred, Richard, Charles, Alva and Howard. The first-named lives in Franklin County, Ohio. The last-born, as does Richard, makes his home with our subject. Charles and Alva both reside in Madison County. Politically, Mr. Iams is a Democrat. He is liberal in his religious views. His mother's family were Dunkards, and his father's people were all Quakers.

JOSEPH H. BLAIN. Our subject is a prominent farmer of Mt. Sterling, Pickaway County. He is a man above the ordinary, gifted with fine intellectual powers, and having a great love for the deeper things that pertain to intellectual growth. As a soldier, he has a proud record that appeals to the reader, in that he suffered imprisonment as well as figured gallantly upon the field. Mr. Blain was born in Darby Township, this county, May 4, 1845. He is a son of Henry Blain, who was born in Fairfield County, this State, September 15, 1813. Our subject's great-grandfather, with five of his brothers, served

in the Revolutionary War, he himself giving his life for the cause of independence. Our subject's grandfather was a mere boy when his sire was killed. He was bound out to a family who soon after removed to the wilds of Kentucky. There he grew to maturity, and in 1798 he came to Chillicothe and helped erect the first frame house in that city. He married a Miss Wilson, of Kentucky, and settled in Fairfield County, Ohio, about 1803. His final place of residence was in Pleasant Township, Madison County, where he died at the age of sixty-seven years.

Henry Blain, our subject's father, was reared on the home farm. He was educated in the pioneer schools, and at the village of Bloomfield. He conned his lessons in an old log schoolhouse, where a salt kettle served as a stove in the winter. He was twice married. After purchasing his present farm, he began energetically to improve it. At one time he was the owner of four hundred and twenty acres of land, which were accumulated by the hardest work. It is sad to relate that he lost his property by going security for a friend. The old gentleman still lives, and makes his home with our subject. He has been a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the greater part of his life. First a Whig, he later pledged his allegiance to the Republican party, and prior to the war was a strong Abolitionist.

Our subject's first wife was a Miss Margaret Toops. She was the mother of two children. On the death of this lady, Mr. Blain married Mrs. Elizabeth (Hays) Morgan. By her he became the father of the following children: Caroline H., Joseph H., William H., Edward W., Marian, Mattie, Martha, John M. and Mary. Margaret and Sarah are deceased. The mother of these children was born in 1812, and died in her seventy-eighth year. She was a noble woman, whose influence was felt for good throughout the community. Her father, Joseph Hays, was one of the pioneer preachers of the country, and was very energetic in securing the establishment of the church in an early day.

Our subject himself was reared on the home farm, and was educated in the district schoolhouse, where the little faces were roasted before an open fireplace, while the backs were frozen by the blasts that penetrated the chinks between the logs. The first notable thing that our subject engaged in after attaining to manhood's years was the Civil War. August 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company A, of the Forty-fifth Ohio Infantry. After being six months in camp at Lexington, Ky., he was sent to East Tennessee. He was taken prisoner, and for five months was confined at Belle Isle. There was little to eat, and much abuse during that period, and although weighing one hundred and forty pounds when he entered the prison, his weight was only ninety-six pounds on leaving the place. He was finally exchanged and rejoined his regiment at Kenesaw Mountain. He went to Atlanta, participated in the battle of Peach Tree Creek and Jonesboro, and was at Nashville with Gen. Thomas, in the two days' fight. Then he was in the raid through Alabama and Virginia, and was finally mustered out of service at Washington, June 12, 1865.

After leaving the war, our subject attended the Normal School at Lebanon, taking the scientific course. He subsequently taught for six years, having experience in Pickaway, Fayette, Madison and Clarke Counties. He finally settled upon the farm where he now resides, and devotes himself to mixed farming, producing large quantities of grain and raising fine stock. Politically, our subject is an ardent Republican.

WILLIAM H. JONES, JR. The original of this sketch is an energetic young man, who is engaged in the loan business and also in buying and selling real estate. He is a son of Dr. W. H. Jones, who resides only a mile out of Jeffersonville limits. The father is now a man of about seventy-five years of age.

Our subject was born October 21, 1855, in Jeffersonville, Fayette County, where he passed most of his boyhood days. He was educated in the rudimentary branches in the public schools of his native town and later he went to Buchtel College, where he was graduated in 1879, taking the degree

of Bachelor of Philosophy. After completing his collegiate course, he was retained for a year in his Alma Mater as instructor in mathematics. Then he took a post-graduate course, but went to Harvard University. In this Athens of America, our subject pursued the law course for two terms, and then continued his studies in this direction in the Boston University Law School.

Mr. Jones returned to Jeffersonville after his experience as a student in the East, and was soon after married at Middleport, Ohio, his bride being Miss Mary Laughead. Mrs. Jones is a native of Meigs County and the daughter of Mr. C. B. Laughead, who was a lawyer of that county. After his marriage, our subject was engaged in surveying and civil engineering for a time, and finally removed to Jeffersonville, remaining in this town from 1882 to 1887. He then came to Washington C. H., where he opened an office and engaged in the loan business, to which he has given his attention ever since.

Mr. Jones and wife have a very pleasant family life. They have been the parents of four children, three of whom are now living. These are Cynthia, William and Lucy. Helen died in 1890. While Mr. Jones was a collegian, he was an ardent worker in the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Politically, he belongs to the Republican party, and especially at this time, as the Presidental election draws near and the country is ripe with the theories of the respective platforms, does Mr. Jones wax eloquent over the beauties of protective tariff and a standard money.

Our subject's father, William Jones, Sr., is a native of Wales, whence he came to America at the age of about twenty-five years. On first landing in the States, he located in New York, and later went to New Orleans. From that point he proceeded up the river to Cincinnati. While in that city, he engaged in the study of medicine, and graduated from the Eclectic Medical Institute. He subsequently practiced in Jackson County, and later settled in Jeffersonville, where he remained for five years. From that city he went to the farm where he now resides. He married Miss Olive Hidy, who was a resident of Jefferson Township, Fayette County, and they became the parents of seven children, six of whom are now living. The subject of this sketch is the second in order of birth.

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